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AGORDAT FALLS TO BRITISH WITH PRISONERS AND GUNS

CAIRO, FEB. 2 (REUTER).—BRITISH TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED THE TOWN OF AGORDAT, AN IMPORTANT STRATEGICAL POINT IN ERITREA ON THE RAILWAY LEADING TO THE RED SEA PORT OF MASSAWA.

ANNOUNCING THIS SUCCESS, TO-DAY'S COMMUNIQUE FROM BRITISH G.H.Q. SAYS: "YESTERDAY MORNING BRITISH TROOPS CAPTURED THE TOWN OF AGORDAT, TAKING MANY HUNDREDS OF PRISONERS WITH GUNS AND MECHANICAL TRANSPORT. SIX ITALIAN MEDIUM TANKS, FIVE LIGHT TANKS AND 15 GUNS WERE ALSO DESTROYED.

"The enemy sustained heavy casualties during the final attack carried out by the British and Indian troops with R.A.F. co-operation. By dusk yesterday evening, advanced elements of the British forces were again in close pursuit of the enemy withdrawing towards Keren.

"In the Barentu area operations are proceeding well, while further south, Biacundi is now in British hands with more prisoners from the Italian forces which were originally withdrawn from Umm Hagar.

"As the result of these actions, coupled with patriot activities, Italian troops withdrawing from the Walkait district have been obliged to abandon the bulk of their mechanical trans-

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Key Points To Albanian Situation

Here are the key points to the present situation in Albania. (1) objective of possible Nazi drive through Yugo-Slavia (2) Hitler's back door to Greece, a move Turkey would resist (3) Greek drive towards El Hassan, the key sector for Durazzo (4) Greek capture of Berat would cut off Italians in the south (5) Durazzo and Valona, vital Italian evacuation bases (6) Taranto—bombed by R.A.F. Italian navy crippled.



Cities Razed But Hearts Are High

What Mr Willkie Saw

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Mr Wendell Willkie started his tour of the bombed provincial cities of England to-day with visits to Coventry and Birmingham. He was first conducted through the ruins of Coventry Cathedral by the Bishop and was evidently impressed by the devastation he saw.

The rest of the tour, made by car, gave Mr Willkie an opportunity of seeing the effects of the indiscriminate bombing on the night of the big raid last November, including the destruction of historic buildings, business premises and dwelling houses.

At a press conference, Mr Willkie stated that the impression formed by his tour of Coventry led him to believe that the destruction described in American newspapers had not been exaggerated. He was greatly impressed by the high morale shown by the citizens and had seen no evidence of depressed spirits or of giving up.

He regarded the fact that the tower and spire of Coventry Cathedral had escaped destruction as being symbolic.

Tour of Birmingham

After his tour of Birmingham, Mr Willkie said that he had been impressed by the organisation of the so-called "shadow" factories.

Referring to the damage in Birmingham, Mr Willkie was surprised at its extent, "but the reconstruction I have seen put into operation is a perfect example of how a city can recover."

Mr Willkie added that without morale, courage and steadfastness, which he had seen everywhere, this reconstruction and recovery could not be done.

"I personally hope that America will give you such aid," he added, "that with steadfastness and courage you will shortly win through."

CHANNEL PORTS RAIDED

R.A.F. Pay Visits

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Docks at three Nazi invasion ports in occupied France—Boulogne, Ostend and Brest—were attacked by small forces of R.A.F. bombers last night and just before dawn to-day.

The Brest attack was made first by planes of the Coastal Command which yesterday continued in unfavourable weather in patrols and reconnaissance flights over the occupied coastline.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command are continuously on the look-out for the first signs of any invasion movement.

Boulogne and Ostend were selected for to-day's pre-dawn raids.

Two Planes Missing

British fighters, accompanied once by bombers, made a number of daylight raids over Occupied France. Two planes are missing from the operations.

A few single German aircraft made the customary armed reconnaissance flights over the English coast to-day, following a night of no activity.

Italians Are Turned Back

Greek's New Positions

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—All enemy attempts to counter-attack have been definitely foiled, stated the Athens radio to-night.

Greek forces have steadily advanced and have taken up new lines and positions according to plan. These operations are beginning a new phase of the Greek advance across Albania.

The announcer continued: "The very considerable successes of our army in the sector of the front extending beyond Klisura have obliged General Cavellero, the Italian C.-in-C. to order a speedy evacuation of the Italian forces from this important area.

Striking Power Reduced

"Foreign observers express the view that any attempt on the part of the Italians to check the tide of Greek advance is doomed to failure because, after repeated disasters, their striking power has been very substantially reduced.

"The losses the Italian forces sustained during the latest counter-attack are estimated by these observers to be as high as 40 per cent. of their total effectives."

Londoners Sneer At Daylight Raiders And Proceed To Carry On

Despite the intensive operations of the Nazi Luftwaffe, the average person in Britain has six chances of dying from natural causes to one chance of dying by a bomb. In other words, the raids only increase the hazard of death over that in normal times by 16 per cent.

This is the estimation of Reuel S. Moore, "United Press" staff correspondent in London, who has been in every air raid since the Luftwaffe started their attacks on the capital.

In a private letter to a friend in Hongkong, Mr Moore said that despite the raid for every building down there are hundreds still up.

Talking about the reaction of the populace to air raids, Mr Moore says: "The folks here are not jittery. During the daytime when there is a raid on nobody gives a damn. They keep walking about and carrying on their business as usual. People sitting on park benches don't even budge. If

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S'HAI ELECTION IN APRIL

CHUNGKING, Feb. 2 (Central News).—A Shanghai message states that the Shanghai Municipal Council has fixed April 10 and 11 for this year's election of the Councillors.

With the approach of the date of election the Japanese are making preparations to renew their attempt to increase their representation on the Council.

Keen competition is expected but competent observers believe that the British and Americans will maintain their dominant position.

Soldiers, Police, & Civilians In Riots

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Wild scenes were witnessed in Johannesburg during the week-end when thousands of Police, civilians and soldiers were involved in serious riots.

Some 140 people, mostly soldiers, have been admitted to hospital up to the present.

Armoured cars toured the streets this morning but the city is now quiet. Hundreds of sightseers, however, congregated outside the offices of the "Vaderland"—General James Hertzog's newspaper—and the offices of "Transvaler," the Nationalist newspaper supporting the Republican policy. Both offices have been damaged.

The trouble originated on Friday night. Dr van Rensburg, former Free State administrator and now leader of the Ossewabrandwag, addressed a cultural meeting. The Ossewabrandwag is an organisation of an extreme Republican nature. Dr van Rensburg's meeting was not political and was generally orderly. Clashes, however, occurred in the streets when the meeting concluded. Soldiers and civilians were involved. Some of the latter were wearing beards which are favoured by members of the Ossewabrandwag.

Police Intervene

The Police intervened and the soldiers appeared to resent accepting orders from policemen not wearing orange shoulder "flashes." These

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Chen Chi-tang In Role Of Agriculture Chief

CHUNGKING, Feb. 1 (Central News).—A bumper harvest for the present year was forecast by General Chen Chi-tang, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, in a statement to the Press on increasing food production.

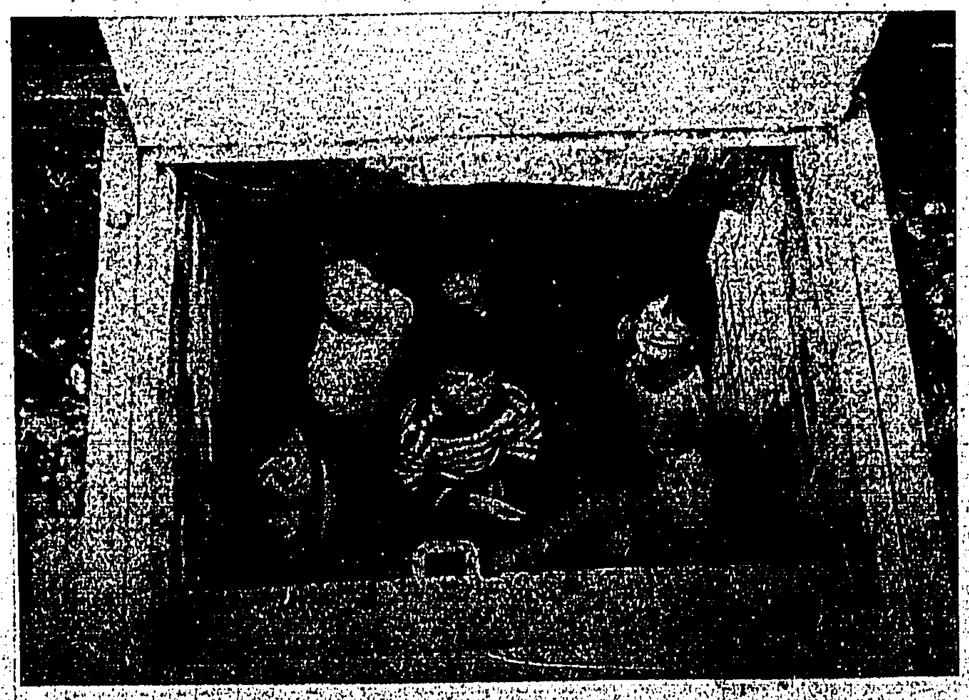
General Chen said that careful planning had been made in connection with the selection of the seeds of agricultural products, the use of fertilisers, insect prevention and control, and conservancy projects. These measures are being carried out and are expected to yield good results.

LATEST

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Hitler Made This Picture Possible

Only Hitler and his murderous colleagues who rain death indiscriminately from the skies on innocent civilians could make this picture possible. It shows little English children, huddled together in a cellar, staring fearfully at the skies as the sound of the Nazi planes are heard overhead. These youngsters are being cared for at the National Children's Orphanage in Hertfordshire, where, in the protection of deep underground shelters, they are reasonably safe from Hitler's total war.



HITLER IS CHECKED

No Time For Harsh Action Against Vichy

MADRID, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Hitler's reply to Marshal Petain's Christmas message is probably in the form of a short letter couched in cold terms, according to Spanish correspondents in Berlin.

Wilhelmstrasse circles are apparently extremely non-committal on the subject, but most Spanish observers in the German capital seem to agree that in spite of rumours of a possible renouncement of the armistic by the Nazis, Germany does not contemplate any drastic action, at least for the present.

Petain's Strength

In this connection, the Berlin correspondent of the Spanish agency, "Efe," says: "It must not be forgotten that a great deal of Petain's strength lies in the discipline and calm shown by the French Colonial Army and the French Fleet."

The correspondent of "Alcazar" declared that "Germany has no interest in complications that distract her attention in the critical hour of her preparations for attaining victory."

Vichy Versus Paris

The Berlin representative of the "A.B.C." expresses the view that Germany may be on the verge of an important decision vis-a-vis France. The affair is being expressed, he adds, in the German press as a "struggle between Paris and Vichy."

The "Arriba," which has always championed Franco-German collaboration, to-day writes sceptically on "these programmes of national revolution shouted from the radios and the Press."

Arsenals Of India

Full Blast For Allies

BOMBAY, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Black smoke was belching from all chimneys in Jubbulpore gun-carriage factory as I passed its carefully-guarded gates to be shown the huge workshops where carriages of India's guns are constructed, writes "Reuter's" special correspondent.

When I entered the workshops the roar of powerful machinery was almost deafening.

Amid the fierce glow of numerous furnaces skilled Indian workmen were manipulating red-hot metal with a casualness born of long practice.

I saw one of the latest guns complete with a new carriage. The old

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No Radical Effects Of Action Against Reds

CHUNGKING, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Chinese circles are not at all perturbed over the Communist situation following the High Command's decision to disband the Communist Fourth Army last month.

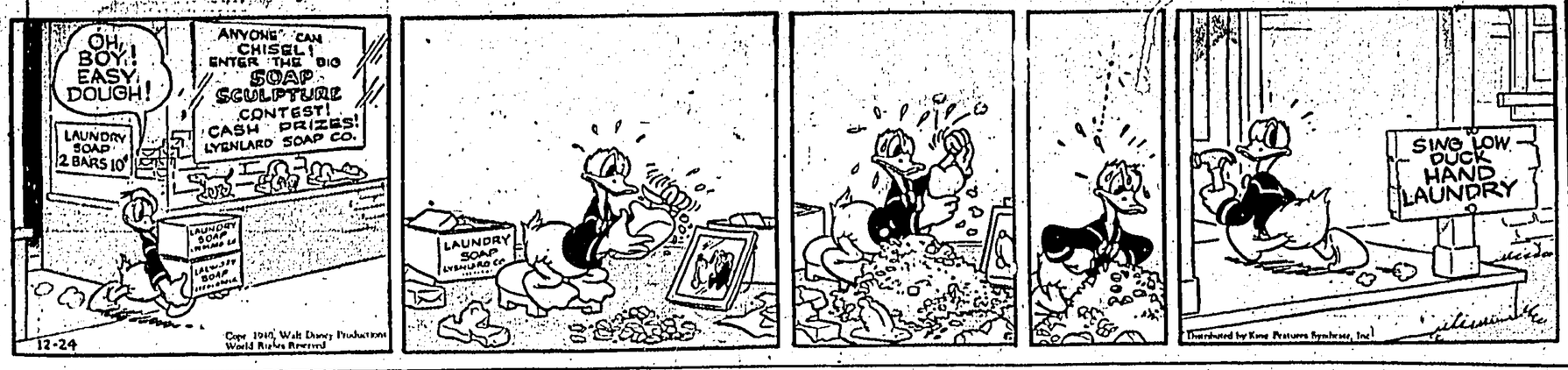
After the brief fighting between Government and Communist troops on the south bank of the Yangtse, no major fighting is reported to be taking place in any other areas.

Meanwhile negotiations are progressing between the Government and Communist authorities for an amicable settlement of differences.

The Chungking Government is not involving any Party with the measures taken against the New Fourth Army and is maintaining the usual relations with the Chinese Communist Party and other political groups.

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By Order of the Board
W. F. SIMMONS,
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Hongkong, 1st February, 1941.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday says:

There were enquiries for the heavier investment stocks but no transactions took place. Business recorded was Watsons at $11.10, Hotels at $3.55 and Dairy Farms at $19.20

Buyers

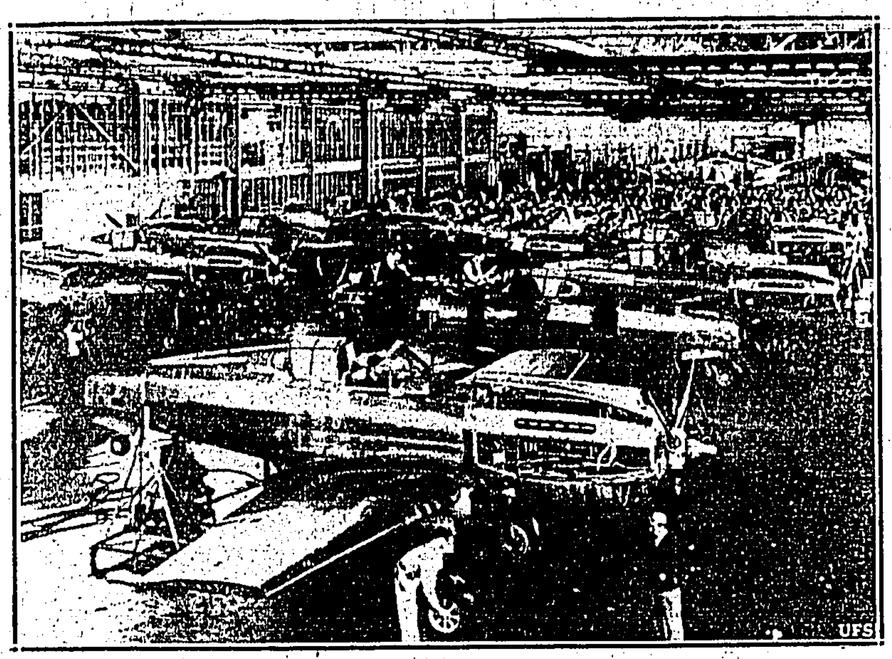
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H.K. Fire Ins. $165
Hotels $3.50
Electrics "O" $40.25
Electrics "N" $39.75
Telephones "O" $25.25
Ropes $6.80
Dairy Farms $19.20
Watsons $11.10
Entertainments $7.10
Constructions "O" $1.60

Sellers

Lands 40 Debentures $100
Star Ferries $62

Sales

Hotels $3.55
Dairy Farms $19.20
Wharves $98



FIGHTERS FOR BRITAIN—Mass production has been stepped up at Curtiss-Wright plant at Buffalo, N. Y., so that eight "Hawk" planes are turned out daily for delivery to Britain. Above is scene in plant.

LORD LLOYD ILL

London, Feb. 2.

It is stated that the condition of Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies, gives rise to some anxiety and he has been taken to a London nursing home for examination and treatment, under the supervision of Lord Horder.—*Reuter.*

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12.30 **Harry Torrani (Yodeller) and Len Fillis and His Hawaiian Orch.**

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.02 **Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.**

1.13 **The Regal Cinema Orchestra.**

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 **Compositions of Gershwin.**

They Can't Take That Away From Me (film 'Shall we dance'); Soon (film 'Strike up the Band') Connie Boswell (Vocal) with Orchestra. An American In Paris, New Light Symphony Orchestra with George Gershwin. Lullaby (from 'Porgy and Bess'), Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 **Indian Programme.**

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 "Swing" Music Dinah Shore (Vocal).

7.0 **London Relay—The News.**

7.15 **London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.**

7.30 **Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra.**

Le Plus Joli Reve (Arezzo); Evening Bells (Billi). Waltzes—In Tulip Land; The Flowers' Caress.

7.43 **The Kentucky Minstrels.**

She Wandered Down the Mountain Side (Clay), with Harp and Organ acc. Carry Me Back To Green Pastures (Pepper); Homing (Del Riego).

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.06 **"Fats" Waller at the Organ.**

8.15 **London Relay—'Hi, Gang!'**

9.0 **London Relay—The News and News Commentary.**

9.30 **Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore".**

9.55 **Violin Solos by Temianka.**

Romance No. 1, Op. 94 (Schumann); Romance No. 2, Op. 94 (Schumann); Scherzo Tarantelle (Wieniawski, Op. 16); Malaguena (Sarasate, Op. 21).

10.12 **Rachmanioff—Symphony No. 2 in E Minor, Op. 27.**

1st Mov: Largo-Allegro moderato, 2nd Mov: Allegro molto, 3rd. Mov: Adagio, 4th Mov: Allegro vivace, Eugene Ormandy and the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

11.0 Close down.

Dr A. F. Bryson For East River

Dr A. F. Bryson, British orthopaedic specialist, born in Tsangchow, Hopei, and educated at Cambridge, who runs the Red Cross Hospital in Kweiyang, is now in Hongkong and will be leaving for the East River area in Kwangtung early this week to open an orthopaedic centre there.

The surgical unit which the doctor intends to establish in the East River district will consist of two doctors, one Chinese and one foreign, and five nurses and dressers. In addition to treating wounded soldiers and civilians, the unit will also engage in anti-Malaria and other anti-epidemic work.

The Red Cross Hospital at Kweiyang consists of 600 beds and its main function is to train doctors and nurses, of whom about 2,000 have already graduated. Of primitive construction and subject to frequent bombing by the Japanese, the work of the institution goes on under very difficult conditions.

Y'S MEN'S MEETING

TO BE ADDRESSED BY WOMAN PROFESSOR

Professor (Miss) Sin Yuk-ching, Professor of Chinese Literature at Lingnan University, will speak on "The True Meaning of a Superior Man" at the tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club at St Francis Hotel on Thursday. Ladies will be welcome at this meeting.

Mr Ho Shiu-que, President of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club, and Mrs Ho, gave a dinner party to members of the Club at their home, 14 Koon Ma Terrace, Happy Valley, on Saturday.

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CIRCULAR TO DOCTORS

It is learned that the Colony's medical practitioners who are owners of cars have been asked by the Medical Authorities to furnish particulars, such as make of car, year of manufacture and horse-power, in a circular issued last week.

MARINER'S ESTATE

Estate in this Colony valued at $6,400 was left by the late Mr John Robinson, mariner, of Victoria, Australia, who died on August 1, 1939. An application for probate of the will has been granted to Mr R. A. Wadeson, the lawful attorney.

SINGAPORE PLANE

Singapore, Feb. 2.

The Singapore Turf Club is giving £20,000 for the purchase of a Tornado aeroplane, described here as the latest and most up-to-date aircraft used by the R.A.F.—*Reuter.*

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Wednesday, Feb. 5

Manila Macassar and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.

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G.P.O.
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Thursday, Feb. 6

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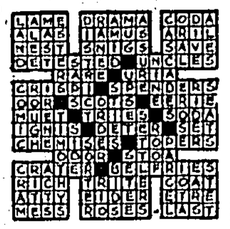
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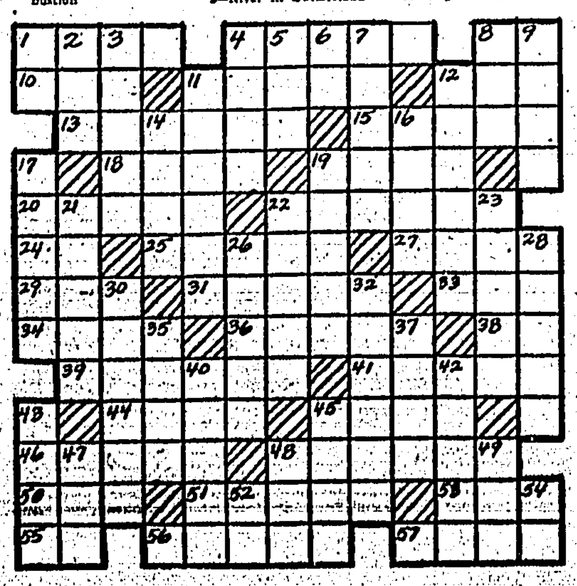
1—Everyone severally
4—Perhaps
8—Pennsylvania (abbr.)
10—College yell
11—Stream
12—Public house (English slang)
13—City in Wisconsin
15—Fat
18—Unusually stunted animal
19—Aquatic bird
20—Refers to specifically
22—People of good position
24—Forward!
25—Capital of Chosen
27—Dirt
29—Custom
31—Small food-fish
33—Justly claimable
34—Tear apart
36—Item of property
38—Unless sooner (Latin abbr.)
39—Pertaining to worthless person
41—Skin-disease
44—Member of ancient Peruvian race
45—Semicircular recess in church
46—One who measures by strides
48—Drained away
50—Product of combustion
51—Like old woman
53—Study-room
55—French article
56—Short gaiters
57—Beginner

DOWN

1—Exclamation of hesitation
2—River in Switzerland
3—Map
4—One of several aromatic herbs
5—Average (abbr.)
6—Nominative, second person plural
7—Color of faded leaves
8—Secretion in healing wounds
9—Second son of Adam
11—Cleanses with water
12—Boy character in Booth Tarkington novel
14—Suggestions
16—Flying mammals
17—Scrub thoroughly
19—Finds market for
21—Insertion of page
22—Tentative opinion
23—Pertaining to youth
26—City in Nebraska
28—Indian tent
30—Make wealthy
32—Place of worship
35—Scandinavian
37—Hard job
40—Fight (slang)
42—Poverty-stricken
43—Kind of gem
45—Makes sick
47—Chemical suffix
48—Well-known technical school (abbr.)
49—The (German)
52—Sodium
54—Negative answer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE





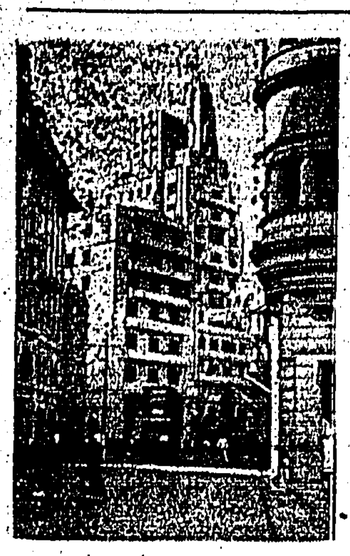
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Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees



Sunday

January 26

Burns Dinner. About 250 Scotsmen and guests attended the annual dinner held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel in commemoration of the poet Robert Burns.

References to the poet's attitude to war when the shadow of invasion darkened the Home Country in his own day were made by Professor W. Brown of Hongkong University when he proposed the toast of "The Immortal Memory." He discussed Burns as a man as well as a poet and dwelt upon his service to Freedom.

Amusing suggestions regarding Hitler's fear of invading Britain because of the lassies were made during the evening.

The dinner was served in traditional Scottish style with the Barley Bree and the Haggis and with the St Andrew's Society honorary pipers in attendance.

Mr B. Wylie, Chieftain of St Andrew's Society, presided, and with him at the principal table were Mr C. E. Terry (President of St Patrick's Society), Mr L. C. F. Bellamy (Vice-President of St George's Society), Dr G. D. R. Black (past Chieftain), Professor W. Brown, His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, the French Consul-General, M. L. Reynaud.

Others present included Sir David Owen, Commodore A. C. Collinson, Lieut Colonel D. J. MacDougall (Royal Scots), the Hon. Mr A. L. Shields, the Hon. Dr P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, the Hon. Mr C. G. Perdue and Lt Col H. B. Rose.

The company was piped into dinner and the haggis was piped to the Chieftain's table. The Chieftain took the Barley Bree and was followed by others at his table.

Temperature Falls. In contrast to the comparatively high temperature for January experienced last week, wintry winds were felt during Saturday and to-day, when the temperature fell over 20 degrees.

Yesterday's maximum temperature was 60 degrees, compared with a maximum of 77 degrees on Thursday. The minimum was 54 degrees, registered at 3 a.m.

Humidity was 84 per cent. to-day, compared with 90 per cent. on Thursday.

There was a slight drizzle to-night and the forecast is drizzle or light rain. The weather is expected to remain overcast.

Defence Services. Mr D. P. Legge has been appointed an acting Sub-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer force with effect from January 5.

Defence Reserve

The following persons have been reassigned from the General Group for Essential Services to the Combatant Group of the Hongkong Defence Reserve, viz:—Messrs Colin Cairns, D. G. Cairns, John Dickson, D. L. P. Edwards, Owen F. W. Hamilton, W. L. Morison and A. G. Parker.

Mr Samuel Randle has been reassigned from the Essential Services Group to the Key Posts Group, and Messrs Rupert Grimshaw and Joseph MacDonnald have been granted permission to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve with effect from January 22.

Mr George Herbert Sullivan has been re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the General Group for Essential Services in the Defence Reserve.

Lawn Bowls Match. In a bowls match at Kowloon Bowling Green to-day, the Society of Yorkshiremen beat the Northumberland and Durham Society 66-65.

Col Holt, J. H. Bottomley, G. B. Foster, M. N. Rakusen (Yorkshiremen) beat J. W. Bertram, Dean Wilson, V. Ramsey, J. Fraser, 20-12.

A. G. Gratton, A. L. Fisher, C. F. Needham, A. Brooksbank lost to C. E. Turpin, E. Purves, C. Gowland, T. W. Carr 18-20.

P. Barry Parks, J. H. Shaw, L. Sykes, J. Meyer beat J. W. Humble, R. Radford, S. Hodge, T. Coleman 24-13.

A. R. Brown, H. H. Mundy, A. Jillot and J. Deakin beat D. Kossick, W. Hudson, J. Smith and J. MacGowan 24-20.

Monday

January 27

European Injured. While riding his motor-cycle on Castle Peak Road, near Laichikok Hospital, this afternoon Mr T. E. Jackson, Senior Surveyor of Ships, met with a nasty accident, as a result of which he is an inmate of Kowloon Hospital with body injuries. His condition is not serious, however, and it is expected that he will be able to leave in a few days.

It appears that the cycle skidded at a bend on the slippery road, throwing Mr Jackson heavily to the ground. The machine was damaged.

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments

What we need most are earplugs, not tunnels.

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Many a poor gold-fish will now be left to die in luxury

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As if there weren't enough cumsha these days, Abigail had to talk to us about tips on furniture.

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At the Chinese Fair some thought they'd bought valuable curios. The man who bought a junk, however, knew it.

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The Police system of red and black marks for conduct has been amended. But it still resembles a game of Put and Take.

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The price of chicken rose to $3 per lb. over the Spring Festival. Let's see now: how many lbs. in seven stone eleven?

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If Burns were with us to-day he could write some fine poetry. And what a speech he could make in proposing "The Immortal Memory"!

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Taipans in Shanghai have to wear bullet-proof waistcoats. Pity that no one has invented some method of imparting a stainless steel lining.

Medical Qualifications. Permission to suspend an offending medical practitioner, as a middle course of punishment, is included in a draft Medical Registration Amendment Ordinance published in the *Government Gazette*.

Section 11 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1935, is amended by the insertion of the words "and possesses an adequate knowledge of the English language, both spoken and written" after the words "is of good character."

Section 13 is amended by repeal of sub-section (1) and by substitution therefor of the following sub-section:—

(1) If any registered practitioner is convicted of any offence or after due inquiry is judged by the Medical Board to have been guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, the Medical Board shall have power to make any such order as to removing from or striking off the register the name of the registered practitioner convicted of such offence or judged guilty of such conduct as aforesaid, as to suspending him from practice, as to censure, as to the payment of costs by any party attending the inquiry, and otherwise in relation to the case as the Medical Board may think fit.

The following sub-sections are added after sub-section (6) at the end thereof:

(7) The Medical Board may, if it thinks fit, at any time direct that the name of a registered practitioner whose name has been removed from or struck off the register be placed thereon.

(8) The notice of any decision and any order or direction made by the Medical Board as aforesaid shall be signed by the Secretary of the Medical Board and may be filed with the Registrar of the Supreme Court and when so filed shall be enforceable in the same manner as a judgment or order of the Supreme Court to the like effect.

The Principal Ordinance lists four classes of technically qualified medical or surgical practitioners who are entitled to be registered, provided that they prove to the satisfaction of the Medical Board that they are of good character. Clause 2 of this Bill adds to that proviso the further requirement that they possess an adequate knowledge of the English language both spoken and written.

It is explained that such a requirement appears particularly necessary in view of the fact that some of them have obtained their degrees, diplomas or licenses in medicine and surgery in medical schools abroad where no knowledge of the English language is necessary. Moreover an amendment of this nature is recommended by the Medical Board, who have found in a number of disciplinary inquiries recently held by them that the practitioner concerned had no knowledge whatsoever of the English language and pleaded this fact in extenuation for the breach of regulations and for the disregard of warning notices sent by the Medical Department.

The principal Ordinance also provides that if any registered practitioner is convicted of any offence or after due inquiry is considered by the Medical Board to have been guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, the Medical Board may either censure the said registered practitioner or direct that his name be struck off the register. The Medical Board have pointed out that in recent inquiries the fact that the Board was restricted to either awarding the drastic punishment of striking off or the lenient punishment of censure had been a matter for comment; and the Board is of opinion that they would have been in a much better position to deal with some of these cases if there had been a middle course open to them.

The Board recommends that they shall be given power to suspend a registered practitioner convicted of an offence or guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect, and also to order costs to be paid by parties attending the inquiries, and that provision be made for such orders to be enforced in the Supreme Court in the same manner as judgments or orders of the Court to the like effect.

Tuesday

January 28

Death of Mrs Rose Carrol. The death occurred at her home, No. 13 Bowen Road, of Mrs Rose Carroll, mother of a family well-known in Hongkong and the Far East. Death was due to bronchial pneumonia. She had been a resident of Hongkong for 54 years.

Mrs Carroll nee Rosinada, was born of Spanish parents in Santiago, Cuba, in 1861. Her voyage to the Far East at the age of ten was marked by tragedy. The family was travelling on the paddle steamer "America" and while at anchor in Yokohama the ship caught fire. The girl and her brother were rescued but their father was drowned.

Mrs Carroll was the wife of John Carroll of Co. Cork, Ireland, who died in London in 1916. Her husband was one of three brothers who founded the first shipyard in Yokohama about 70 years ago. The brothers owned a fleet of schooners which traded with Siberia in furs and seal skins.

She leaves two sons, Messrs W. J. and A. H. Carroll, in Hongkong. One of her two daughters, Mrs Mary Carroll-Smith, is now in San Francisco, and the other, Mrs D. Rapp, in London.

There was a large gathering at the funeral, which was held in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, this afternoon. A choral service, conducted by the Rev. Fr A. Riganti, assisted by the Rev. Frs J. M. Spada and A. Grampa, was held in the Chapel, but interment did not take place, as the vault which is being constructed is not completed.

Mr A. H. Carroll arrived back in Hongkong by steamer from Singapore shortly before the funeral was held.

The chief mourners were Messrs W. J. and A. H. Carroll (sons) and Mr R. A. Carroll (grand-son).

Those present included Messrs E. Abraham, R. Abraham, F. W. Stapleton, P. Pester, Seu Kon-chi, Lo Kin-fai, F. P. Lenfestey, G. A. Harriman, F. X. d'Almada, G. A. Walker, Mr and Mrs R. Pestonji, Mrs E. Fidoe, Mrs Fisher, Miss Braga, Dr and Mrs V. N. Atienza, Dr E. L. de Sousa, Mr and Mrs K. Shibata, Messrs S. H. Joseph, D. Passmore, W. J. O'Neill, A. V. Gosano, W. Goldenberg, H. A. Lammert, Kishimoto, K. Ikuta, S. Tanaka, J. Matsumoto, T. Eto, R. S. Capell, E. P. H. White, F. Grose, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, N. Leonard, B. I. Bickford, T. Yamada, Miss G. Bowen, Mrs. M. Hun, and several Canossian Sisters.

Wreaths from members of the family and Betty (Mrs Fidoe) were laid on top of the casket.

Other wreaths were sent by Tony and Alice, Kitty and Kenneth, Ruth, Arthur, Roy and Donald, May Anderson, C. F. Liang, Jeannette Fisher, Mr and Mrs J. J. Edgar, Wong Yan, A. H. Ismail, M. Namazee, C. H. Liang, C. T. Chang, R. A. Dastur, Dr and Mrs V. N. Atienza, Mr Ho Wing, George Lee, M. Takeio, Mr and Mrs S. H. Joseph and H. B. Joseph, Mr and Mrs A. O. Hyland, Allison Fisher, Mrs Capell and family, Mr Y. Kondo, Miss K. K. Lau, Miss Gue, K. Shibata, Mr T. Yamada, Mrs A. White, Margie and Pat, Mrs C. Leonard and family, Mrs A. Hopwar, Mr and Mrs J. F. Grose and family, Freddie Lenfestey, Mrs Banker and family, Mrs E. Neves and family, Mr and Mrs G. A. Harriman, Mrs M. F. O'Sullivan and family, Ng Sze-kwong, Dr and Mrs Ernest To, Mr and Mrs C. A. Yolle and family, Cheng-to, Mr. and Mrs F. W. Stapleton, F. E. Nash, Dr and Mrs Gourdin, Miss D. Cox, Li Wai-san, Mr and Mrs C. E. Bok, Office Boy Yim Kip-wong, J. Matsumoto, Ah Ngan, Tao Woon, Ng Chi and Tam Hon, Messrs Lo Kim Fai and Company, Committee and members of the Sports Club, Yeung Yau and Company, H. K. Sharebrokers' Association, Nozaki Bros: Hongkong Nippo, Toshihiko and Eto and Choa Po Min and Company.

New Air Service. A new air service—an extension of the existing Hongkong-Chungking-Lashio route—to Calcutta, will be started as soon as negotiations are completed between the governments of China and India, declared Mr W. L. Bond, Vice-President of the China National Aviation Corporation, in a Press interview to-day.

Mr Bond returned to Hongkong on Sunday from a survey trip to India, where he stopped at Delhi and Calcutta.

The service will be a weekly one, and the fare will be about the same as that from Hongkong to Rangoon via Chungking. The flight from Hongkong and Calcutta is expected to take 13 hours.

Holiday Cricket. In a two-day cricket match at Chater Road on Monday and to-day, Hongkong Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by six wickets, after being 28 runs in arrears with three wickets in hand at the end of the first day's play.

Kowloon opened play on Monday and knocked up 165, E. C. Fincher (78), and N. A. E. Mackay (62) being top scorers. They made a disastrous start and lost their opening batsmen, Anderson and Hung for only four.

Hongkong had scored 157 for seven at stumps. When play was resumed to-day Hongkong added another 21.

Kowloon fared badly in the second innings and scored only 148, Owen Hughes and Knight laid the foundation for Club's victory contributing 44 and 70, respectively.

Attaboy Shield. Fourteen rinks participated in the annual Bowls competition for the Attaboy Shield, between members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, on Chinese New Year's Day.

The match resulted in W. S. Drake's rink (R. P. Phillips, J. Hurst, J. C. Gill) winning by 35 shots. A. J. Hall's rink (G. Elphick, A. J. Rogers and L. Sykes) were runners-up, being 18 shots up.

Review Of The Principal Topics January 26 To Feb. 1

Wednesday

January 29

Mr. A. D. Brankston Dies. The death occurred at the Queen Mary Hospital to-day after a long illness of Mr A. D. (Archie) Brankston, former surveyor of the Shing Mun Dam and an expert on Chinese art.

Mr Brankston was the son of Mr A. B. Brankston, formerly Managing Director of the New Engineering Co. of Shanghai. He was educated at Brighton College, England, and afterwards at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, where he took the London University degree in civil engineering. He returned to the Far East in 1933, where he worked as a surveyor on the Shing Mun Dam.

During his student days Mr Brankston developed a keen interest in Chinese art and spent all his spare time in the museums and among the private collections. He was a personal friend of the late Mr George Eumorfopoulos and of Sir Percival David. It was natural, therefore, that on his return to England in 1935, he should be asked to help in cataloguing the art treasures for the Chinese Exhibition. After that very successful exhibition was closed he spent some time helping to catalogue Sir Percival David's collection at the Dorchester. Afterwards he was given a travelling fellowship by the Universities' China Committee which took him to India and to China for a further study of art and archaeology in India and China. Sir Percival David, himself an expert, relied implicitly on his judgment in making purchases in Peiping.

"Bob" Hall Retires. Mr. Robert Hall, Surveyor of Ships, Harbour Master's Department, will be leaving the Colony on retirement to-day, after having been in Hongkong Government for 35 years.

Mr Hall arrived in the Colony in 1905, when he joined Holt's Wharf. He entered the Government Service in 1912 and was appointed acting first assistant Government Marine Surveyor in 1915. He resigned in 1917 to become Marine Superintendent for the Canadian Pacific Railways, but rejoined the Government in 1920.

Mr Hall has also been consulting engineer for the Fire Brigade Department. He intends to join his family who are at present in England.

Gains Varsity Colours. News has been received in the Colony by his father that William ("Bill") Pryde, youngest son of Mr Walter Pryde, of the Public Works Department, who was a Peace Memorial Scholarship winner, has been awarded his soccer colours at Cambridge.

Anti-Sabotage Guards. In connection with His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government's appeal of January 9 for volunteers to provide anti-sabotage guards on board ships in Hongkong Harbour, the following additional information may assist employers and those who are in some doubt as to whether they should volunteer for this duty. It is issued by the Colonial Secretary.

Guards will only be required during the continuance of the Colony's present situation, and the scheme will cease to function should the Colony be directly involved in war.

No fear need be entertained that the time of guards who are detailed for duty will be wasted in waiting for the ship to which they are allotted, since it will be possible to arrange for them to return to their offices provided they can be communicated with by telephone at short notice.

The 12-hour duty period will not entail spending 12 hours continuously on guard, which would, in the case of night duty, impair the efficiency of the guards in their normal employment on the following day. It is anticipated that out of three guards, one will be on duty, one standing by and one off duty at any given time if the ship is working cargo. It will be appreciated that each person will be on full duty for only one third of the 12-hour period.

Thursday

January 30

Rev. A.P. Rose Marries. St John's Cathedral was the scene of a pretty wedding to-day when the Assistant Chaplain of the Cathedral, the Rev. Alaric Pearson Rose, M.A. (Oxon), married Miss Mary Beatrice Wansey, nursing sister of Queen Mary Hospital. Officiating were the Rt Rev. R. O. Hall (Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong), the Rt Rev. S. T. Mok (Bishop of Canton), and the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson (Dean of Hongkong). The service was fully choral.

THE BRIDE is the only daughter of the late Rev and Mrs H. R. Wansey, of Nikko, Japan. Her father was formerly Vicar of Bishopshowe, Wilts.

The bridegroom is the eldest son of the Rev. A. C. Rose (recently Vicar of Greatham, Co. Durham) and Mrs Rose. He was at Oxford from 1928 to 1933 (at St. Edmond Hall and Ripa Hall), then he became Curate of Oatshead Parish Church until 1936, when he was appointed Assistant Chaplain of St John's Cathedral, Hongkong.

A gown of English crepe Camilla, cut on princess lines of classic simplicity, with high neckline and long sleeves, was worn by the bride. Her embroidered veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms, while pink and white carnations composed her bouquet.

The bridesmaid, Miss Jane Hansey, nursing sister of Queen Mary Hospital, wore a frock of old-gold moire taffeta, with an over-dress of silk net, cut with a graceful bouffant skirt. The bodice was trimmed with nigger brown velvet. She also wore an old-gold sequin headdress and carried a bouquet of marigolds.

The Rev Charles Strong, R.N., Dockyard Chaplain, gave the bride away, and the Rev H. D. Rosenthall, Vicar of Christ Church, Kowloon Tong undertook the duties of best man. Mr J. R. M. Smith was at the organ.

The reception was held at the Church Guest House, Bishop's House. Later Mrs Rose changed into a two-piece suit of powder-blue angora, with which she wore navy-blue accessories.

New Puisne Judge. The appointment of Mr Paul Ewart Francis Cressall as Puisne Judge, succeeding the late Mr Justice R. E. Lindsell, was announced by the Colonial Secretariat to-night in a communique, which added that leave for Mr Cressall to South Africa en route for Hongkong was under consideration.

Mr Cressall is one of the four British Presidents of the District Court, Palestine.

Born in 1893, Mr Cressall was educated at Cranleigh School and entered the civil service in 1911 when he was posted to British Guiana and attached to the Police. On the outbreak of the war he was a lieutenant in the British Guiana Militia Infantry and served as captain with the British West Indies Regiment in East Africa and Palestine from 1915 to 1919, being awarded the Military Cross.

Returning to British Guiana after the hostilities he was again attached to the Police and, passing his final law examination in 1921 was called to the bar at Gray's Inn in 1923. After various positions in the police and judicial departments of the Colony, he eventually rose to be chief stipendiary magistrate, in which post he acted as chairman of several Royal Commissions.

Mr Cressall went to Palestine as senior British Magistrate in 1931 and was appointed to the District Court in 1933.

Friday

January 31

Black-out Practice. Another black-out practice, which may possibly last three days, will be held on February 26, said Wing Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, at a Press conference to-day.

Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins added that Government had decreed that the maximum time for a black-out practice be limited to three days, but whether it would be extended to the whole of this period would depend on the co-operation of the public. In other words, if in the opinion of the authorities the practice on the first night was successful it might be called off for the remaining two days.

As in previous practices, the black-out on February 26 would automatically commence at sunset and extend throughout the night. There would be A.R.P. exercises by day and by night, and the question of whether the maximum period allowed by Government would be made use of is dependent on the success or failure of the first night.

Sudden Cold Snap. Hongkong experienced a sudden cold snap to-day, there being a drop of ten degrees in temperature compared with the maximum figure of the previous day.

The maximum temperature from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to-day was 64 degrees, and the minimum 48 degrees, as against 64 and 48 respectively on Thursday, 70 and 58 on Wednesday, and 77 and 64 on Tuesday.

The minimum temperature of 48 degrees recorded both on Thursday night and early this morning was the lowest of the year, so far. There was a drizzle throughout this morning, but in spite of that the temperature rose to 50 degrees at 10 a.m., and with the weather clearing up later in the day there was a further improvement, the figure at 4 p.m. being 53.

The coldest spell last year was experienced in February, when 42.7 degrees was registered. The lowest ever recorded in the Colony occurred in 1893, when 32 degrees (freezing point) was reached.

B.W.O.F. Ball. The Rose Room and Annexe of the Peninsula Hotel presented a gay scene to-night, when the Executive Committee of the British War Organisation Fund held a ball, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton.

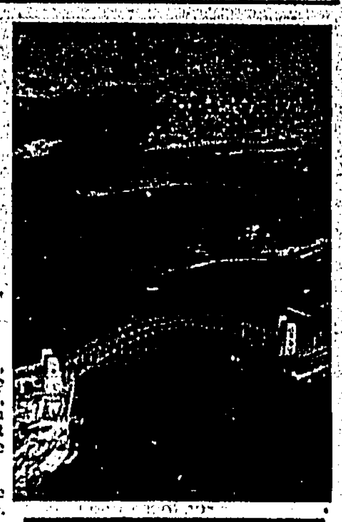
Two orchestras were in attendance, Art Carneiro and his Band, and the Dance Band of the 2nd Bn The Royal Scots (by kind permission of Lieut-Col. D. J. McDougall, M.C., and Officers). Those who did not have partners of their own were nevertheless, able to dance, since there were 50 charming hostesses to help entertain the guests.

Cabaret items added to the delight of the evening. There was Mr Y. K. Sze, the popular Bass, who sang several numbers from his extensive repertoire, accompanied by Mr E. O'Neil Shaw, while dances and novelty turns were contributed by Herbert Tong and His Girl Friends (Gloria Yee and Dora Chow), The Wanchai Brothers, Nellie Field (whose Spanish Dance was much appreciated), Elsie Soong's Kittens (Barbara, Donald and Gerald Soong), Irene Arteuh, in a Russian dance, and members of the Mobile Nursing Detachment of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps (who presented a Tyrollenne Dance).

In addition to a competition, prizes were won by holders of lucky numbered tickets.



Group taken after the wedding at St John's Cathedral of the Rev. A. P. Rose, Assistant Chaplain of the Cathedral, and Miss Mary Beatrice Wansey.—*Ming Yuen.*



Saturday

February 1

Football Results. Both shield and league football was played in Hongkong to-day, with the following results:

Senior Shield First Round

South China	5	Club	1
Sing Tao	1	Middlesex	0
Kwong Wah	2	Kowloon	0
Eastern	3	Combined R.A.	0

Junior Shield First Round

Chinese A.S.C.	1	South China	6
Sing Tao B	1	Kit Chee	0
Kwong Wah	1	International	4
R.A.M.C.	3	Police	4
Engineers	1	36th R.A.	2
30th R.A.	2	Royal Signals	2
R.A.S.C.	1	24th R.A.	0
Eastern	*	Royal Navy	*

First Division

Royal Navy	1	Police	2

Second Division

Club	1	R.A.O.C.	0

Third Division

R.A.F.	2	35th R.A.	2

* Postponed.

World Cruise From Hongkong. A world cruise has been planned for the 57 ft brigantine now being completed at Tam Tsz's shipyard in Hongkong, for Sr A. Carmelo, the Mexican Consul in Manila.

The two men who will take the brigantine round the world, Colonel J. Calvo, Philippine Army Reserve and Sr Arnaiz, a reserve Air Force officer in the Philippines, will arrive in the Colony this week. They flew a plane from Manila to Madrid some years ago.

The brigantine "Nuestra Senora de la Paz" (Our Lady of Peace) which has been built under the supervision of Mr E. S. Moses will be completed this month.

Prominent Resident Dies. The funeral service of the late Mr J. G. Ozorio, of Kowloon Docks, who died at St Teresa's Hospital to-day was held at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, and was attended by a large gathering.

Rev. Father H. Angelis officiated, assisted by Rev. Father Byrne and Rev. Father F. R. Noval. After a short service at the Cemetery Chapel, the casket was taken to the graveside, and again removed to the Chapel for the night, before interment in the family vault to-day. Two sheafs of flowers, one from the widow and the other from the children, were placed on the coffin.

The late Mr Ozorio, who was 51 years old at the time of his death, was first employed by Sir Paul Chater, on leaving school, and later joined the Kowloon Docks, where he was employed up to the time of this death. An active sportsman, Mr Ozorio was a prominent member of several of the Colony's clubs and was well-known as a lawn bowls player.

Apparently in good health, he had dinner with his son, Dr H. L. Ozorio, on Friday, but shortly after that had a stroke and died the following afternoon at St Teresa's Hospital.

He leaves behind a widow, seven sons, Francis, Albert, Joseph, Hornetio, Manuel, Pipino, and Henry, and a daughter Miss Helene Ozorio, two uncles and two aunts.



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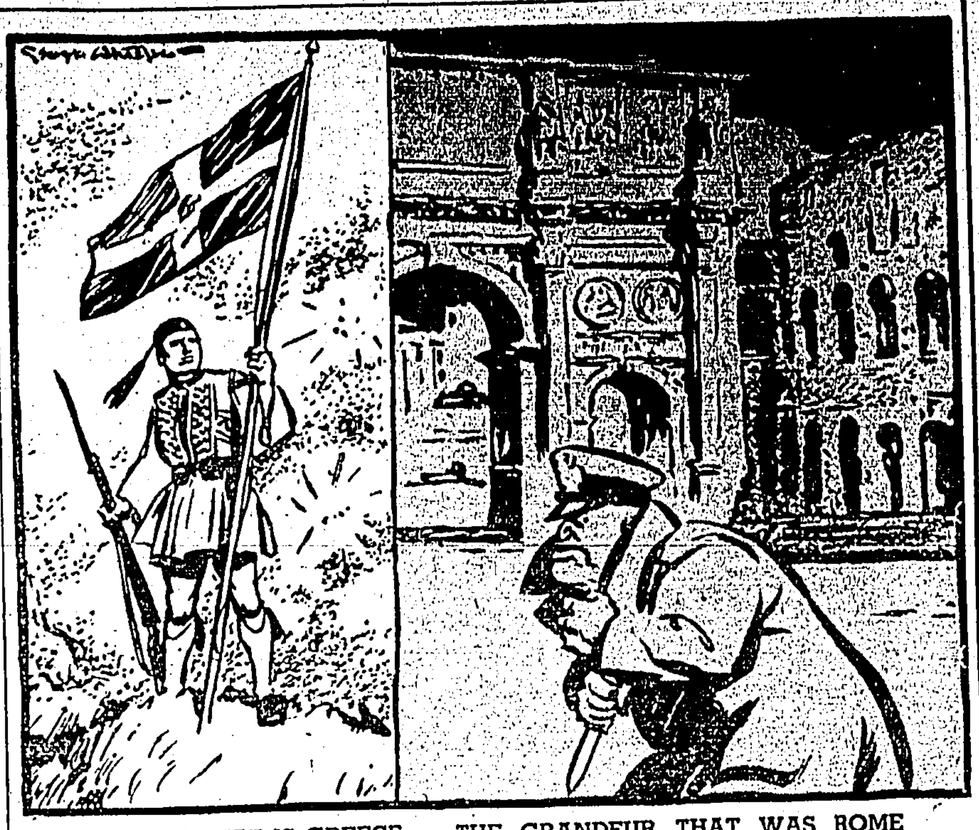
THE farcical little war between Indo-China and Thailand has been played out and now the real significance of the affair will crystallise in the peace negotiations which are to take place in Tokyo. The ease with which the Japanese brought about a cessation of hostilities does not allay apprehension. Rather, it confirms the views of those who have thought from the beginning that the most powerful nation in the Far East fomented those waters the more easily to fish in them, and the fact that the French delegates will go to Tokyo, where Hitler's henchmen have almost unbounded influence in the councils of their Axis partner, opens up disturbing visions of what the ultimate terms will yield.

It is now known that the Thailanders occupied a substantial part of Cambodia and some part of Laos and though the armies have, or will be, withdrawn six miles from their fighting fronts, the aggressor country, Thailand, will still be in possession of part of the territory claimed. It is worthy of note that Bangkok first laid claim to a few islands in the Mekong River and it seems extraordinary that national resurgence could from this small beginning raise such a mighty and sudden clamour for the greater part of Laos and Cambodia without very definite inspiration backed up by promises of solid support. Japan has laid great emphasis on the nationalistic spirit that was thus mysteriously called into being and has placed it like a halo round the heads of the Thailanders—an emphasis that is incongruous when compared with China's great struggle for existence, but which harmonises almost perfectly with the Hitlerian precepts for the domination of small countries in Europe and the foundation of strategic points.

The French are in a dilemma; they have to assuage the Thailanders whose bellicosity now no longer needs inspiration because of the success it has experienced; they have to concede to the Japanese as much as they can without losing all sovereignty; they would like to appease the Chinese who consider them faint-hearted neighbours of little worth; they would like to resume normal trade relations with the British with whom they have a common if weakening bond.

It is interesting to speculate that while French overseas possessions are still secure from Hitler and while the Japanese are still obedient to Berlin, French Indo-China will probably remain itself, artificial though its status may be. Once it falls the rest of the French Empire will realise that it is time only and not Armistice conditions, that keeps them from Axis rule and they will then throw in their lot wholeheartedly with the Allies, instead of withholding support at the behest of a Vichy Government which will have lost its most potent weapon. It is probable that Syria and Algeria are saving Indo-China to-day. Hitler cannot afford to face a united Arabic world which would back up Turkey and Greece and kindle a new flame even through the Balkans.

The Peace Conference at Tokyo may hold unpleasant things for us—for instance the occupation by Japanese forces of a "disputed area" opposite Malaya—but for French Indo-China it is a dilemma which the Japanese will solve for them.



THE GLORY THAT IS GREECE——THE GRANDEUR THAT WAS ROME

Blacking-Out Foreign Correspondents

By William Henry Chamberlin

THESE are hard days for the foreign correspondent. Not so much because his work takes him where people are being bombed or torpedoed, but rather because it has become impossible or extremely difficult to practice his trade over a large and increasing part of the world.

Side by side with the physical black-out that darkens the streets of the cities and large towns of the belligerent countries there is an ever-growing black-out of independent news reporting which finds expression in various forms: censorship, intimidation, expulsion and, most effective of all, cutting off news at the source.

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Independent reporting has altogether ceased in the Soviet Union and Western Europe which are under Soviet and German military occupation. The foreign correspondent leads an increasingly harassed and restricted existence in Japan. In unoccupied France he is subject to the double control of the French censorship and of the pressure which Germany constantly applies to the Vichy regime to permit no action or expression of opinion which could be construed as unfriendly to the Third Reich. Censorship is severe even in countries where administrative independence has been maintained, as in Switzerland, Spain, and the Balkans.

Curiously enough, Berlin, after the outbreak of the war, was in one way a freer news centre than was Paris. Germany dispensed with the preliminary censorship of messages which was imposed in France from the beginning of hostilities. But a Damocles sword of expulsion hung over the head of the newspaperman who made what the Nazi authorities considered an indiscreet use of his freedom.

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In Italy, where the roll of expelled foreign correspondents is a long one, the unfortunate journalist gets the worst of both the French and the German systems. His messages are censored; but censorship is no guaranty of immunity from later discipline.

This growing black-out of the independent foreign news reporter is important because it means a steady contraction of the news sources on which public opinion is based. How many first-hand news stories come out of Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Copenhagen, Warsaw, and Prague in these days? Has the reader the least opportunity to know what has happened in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Eastern Poland, and Bessarabia since these regions passed under the control of the Soviets?

For that matter, has anyone during recent years been able to get independent first-hand testimony as to the working out of the experiment in collective farming in Russia, or as to what military and industrial undertakings have been started in Eastern Siberia, or as to how Soviet nationality policy is being applied in the non-Russian regions of the Soviet Union? How many foreigners have been allowed to visit those parts of China where the Soviet writ counts for more than the Chinese, such as Outer Mongolia and Sinkiang, or Chinese Turkestan?

I know from experience journalistic working conditions in three countries, the Soviet Union, Japan, and France; in all three the deterioration during the last year has been little short of catastrophic. The life of the foreign newspaperman in Russia, with one brief interlude, has always been a struggle with the censor.

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During the first years of my Moscow assignment, from 1922 until 1928, the censorship was comparatively mild, in the light of later developments, although it was more severe than any which existed in other European countries, most of which at that time were free from censorship. Restrictions on foreign correspondents became more severe as conditions in the Soviet Union deteriorated, from 1929 until 1933. The great famine of 1932-33 was almost completely concealed from the knowledge of the outside world. Correspondents were forbidden to visit the stricken regions of Ukraina and the North Caucasus and the word famine could not be cabled from Moscow.

The author is a veteran newspaperman who has represented the "Christian Science Monitor" in Russia, Japan and France. In this article, he gives you his honest views about censors and censorship.

One could only use such comparatively mild expressions as hardship, malnutrition, etc., which did not convey any adequate information about the situation. The same euphemistic gloss was imposed as regards the process officially called the "liquidation of the kulaks as a class," which meant that about 1,000,000 of the more well-to-do peasants were driven from their homes, often in the fierce cold of the Russian winter and, in many instances, deported to places in the Arctic wilderness, with the inevitable accompanying loss of life, especially among women, children, and elderly men.

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Censorship restrictions were somewhat relaxed after 1934, when the worst of the Five-Year Plan atrocities were over. But the ruthless purges of the Communist Party, which began in 1935 and lasted until 1938, cut the foreign journalist in Moscow off from all his—formerly precarious news sources. The most dangerous offence for Russians, Communists, and non-Communists alike was association with foreigners. The Russians took the hint; and the foreign correspondents were left isolated, just like the diplomats in Moscow.

From the standpoint of the intelligent censor, this isolation was more effective than the most extensive use of the blue pencil. A story that a correspondent knows does usually get out somehow, even if the journalist is unable to send it directly under his own name. But the correspondent cannot send what he does not know, and he cannot know very much about a country all of whose citizens are terrorised against coming into contact with him.

This state of isolation from first-hand Russian contacts greatly reduced the value of the formal abolition of the censorship which was announced when Vyacheslaff Molotoff took over the portfolio of Foreign Affairs from Maxim Litvinoff in May, 1939. However, this abolition of censorship did not last long. Since Jan. 1, 1940, censorship has been reintroduced with unprecedented rigour. The last newspaper correspondent remaining in Russia left his post a few weeks ago with a long dossier of stories which he had not been allowed to send, most of them based on material in the Soviet press, which is itself completely under government control. A situation had been reached where more information could be obtained from the Soviet newspapers than from the messages of correspondents in Moscow.

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One's reaction to Japan's way with the foreign press depended, as I came to realise, upon whether one came to Tokyo from New York or from Moscow. Colleagues fresh from America chafed and fumed over the difficulties of obtaining real news in Tokyo, the evasions and procrastinations of government officials, the secrecy that shrouded some affairs of state.

Coming from the Soviet Union, on the other hand, I felt that Japan could almost be considered a liberal country. Censorship was sporadic, not continuous; the Japanese press, by Moscow standards, enjoyed a good deal of freedom, even if it was distressingly inaccurate; one could meet critically minded Japanese without fearing for the consequences to them, as one certainly could not meet Russians suspected of being out of sympathy with the Soviet order.

One could travel freely not only in Japan, but in Korea and Manchukuo and in some parts of China which were under Japanese military occupation. The police, to be sure, were exasperatingly numerous and inquisitive as soon as one got off the main travelled routes; but I journeyed from one end of the Japanese Empire to another without experiencing anything more serious than an occasional shortness of temper.

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Recently, however, there has been abundant indication that the foreign newspaperman in Japan is having a pretty hard row to hoe. It was a shock last August to read that James Cox, veteran Reuter correspondent in Tokyo, had passed away while in the custody of the Japanese police. Accompanying circumstances have made the official explanation—suicide—seem doubtful to some experienced observers.

Cox, a serious, hard-working newspaperman, had been arrested on a charge of espionage, and the definition in Japan has now become so sweeping and so vague that almost any normal subject of journalistic investigation could come under this head. I know of a Japanese employee in a foreign consulate in Japan who was sentenced to three years of imprisonment because he made a conjectural estimate as to the number of automobiles in a certain part of the Japanese Empire. One statistical bit of information after another has been suppressed since the beginning of the war in China, until the picture of Japan's economy which can be drawn up rests even more on guesswork and less on ascertainable facts and figures than was the case three or four years ago.

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The four months before the outbreak of the war which I spent in France represented my first experience in a foreign country without the restraining hand of a visible or invisible censor, although, in justice to Japan, I must say that deletions from my Tokyo dispatches were few and unimportant. This unaccustomed freedom disappeared as soon as the war began. A huge hotel in the centre of Paris was taken over by the ever-increasing horde of censors. There were special censorship departments—for military affairs, for foreign affairs, for finance and economics, for French politics; and what one censor spared might be blacked out by another. The large white spaces which began to appear in French newspapers was a testimony to the activity of the news control.

To deal with the French wartime censorship was exasperating, but it was also instructive. Over the whole institution, which was constantly extending its ramifications, there brooded an atmosphere of smothering bureaucratism. There was never any idea of making a constructive use of the foreign correspondents, almost all of whom were sympathetic with France; petty pinpricks and delays were habitual and some of the deletions from messages, especially those sent from the front, were almost incredibly pointless.

I remember one message in which a compliment which I had paid to the French authorities for permitting the Alsatians to use their own language in newspapers, churches, and public signs, instead of enforcing the use of French, was crossed out. A colleague had the similarly curious experience of seeing a story which he had written about Strasbourg, with references to the fact that the Marseillaise was written there, cut to ribbons, for no sane political or military reason whatever, by some capricious censor.

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It has become still more difficult to cover France since the collapse and the division of the country into occupied and unoccupied zones. Paris, once the coveted post of the continental correspondent, is to-day little more productive of news than Prague or Warsaw. It is under the heel of German military occupation; and the few stories which are sent from Paris must pass through Berlin and can only be sent by correspondents who are accredited to Germany. There are almost equally great disadvantages in writing news from Vichy, where the shadowy government is afraid to let pass anything which might offend Germany. Moreover, conditions of travel are so difficult that it is almost impossible to check up on conditions by making trips to Marseilles, Lyons, Toulouse, and other towns of the unoccupied area. If present conditions remain substantially unchanged, France, once perhaps the best-known European country to Americans, may become a mysterious, almost a dark land.

SCOUT JOINS UP

THIS is a true dog story.

Scout is a large Airedale, a most handsome dog, but although he is several years old he has not the Airedale instinct of guarding his home and his people. No, he seems to like men best, especially soldiers.

Lately he has distressed his mistress by leaving her for days on end, then turning up too exhausted to do anything but sleep.

But now at last she has found out what has been puzzling her—where he goes. He disappeared for almost a week the other day, and she had at last decided that he must be dead. But strange reports began to reach her. "Oh, Mrs X, I thought I saw Scout. What, you've lost him? Well, there he was marching along as pleased as Punch, keeping time and everything with the soldiers! He did look well, the same colouring and everything."

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Or, "I saw Scout at the Town Hall. He was walking up and down with the sentry!" Or, "I saw Scout at the Town Hall; he came and spoke to me, then a couple of soldiers went in and whistled for him—he was off like a shot."

She had decided to go down herself to the Town Hall and give the dog's licence to the soldiers. But one night she had a visitor with the errant dog attached to a leash.

"Here he is," gasped her visitor proudly. "I got him at the Town Hall. He was sitting beside the soldier on duty. I just said that I knew the person to whom he belonged. He said, 'Well, he won't leave us. We've fed him well and to-night he's had a bath!'"

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Sure enough Scout had an aroma of scented soap.

So now Scout is recovering from his marching, sleeping on the rug in front of the fire, until the urge to go comes. Then my friend has no doubt where he will be, and she says she is going to tell them they can keep him.

Jean Thornton

40 M.P.s BOMBED
—Dining At The Carlton Club

While forty Conservative M.P.s were dining at the Carlton Club in London's West End during a recent air raid, the place was hit by a bomb.

The M.P.s were covered in debris as the glass dome over the dining-room was shattered, but not one of them was hurt.

Mr Samuel Storey, M.P. for Sunderland, remembered next morning that a cheque for £21,700, which the Mayor of Sunderland had collected to buy Spitfires, was under the debris.

It has been sent to Mr Storey so that he could hand it to Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production.

Mr Storey went back to the club at once and searched among the wreckage—and found the cheque safe among his other belongings.

Mr Herwald Ramsbotham, President of the Board of Education, was in the club when the bomb exploded, with Captain David Margesson, War Secretary, Mr J. S. C. Reid, K.C., Solicitor-General for Scotland, Lord Hailsham and his M.P. son, Mr Quintin Hogg.

Windows Broken

The windows were blown out, causing a flood of light outside. Captain Margesson pushed his way through the wreckage and turned off the lights.

Plates of soup on the tables were unspilled and glasses of wine remained upright.

The portraits of Disraeli and Sir Robert Peel looked down on the wreckage with their glass unbroken.

The only casualties in the club were four people who suffered minor cuts.

The Carlton is the leading Conservative club in the country and was founded in 1832.

LEVINSON DIES
Lawyer And Writer On Political Science

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Salmon Oliver Levinson, the famous American lawyer.

Born in 1865, Levinson graduated from Yale in 1888 and was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1891. He had since practised in Chicago, being a member of the firm of Levinson, Becker, Gilbert, Peebles and Swircn. He specialised in reorganisation of industrials and railroads. He was a member of the American, Illinois State and Chicago Bar Associations.

Levinson was chiefly known as the author of the Levinson plan for readjustment of German reparations, Allied and inter-Allied debts, European appeasement and world peace, issued in 1927. A writer on the outlawry of war, he was the originator of the palindrome: "Deliver evil deed, live reviled." In 1931 he was presented with the Rosenberger medal by the University of Chicago, for his contribution to the improvement of international political relations.

Loss Of French Citizenship
Muselier and Rothschild

VICHY, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Vice-Admiral Muselier, Commander of the Free French naval forces, has been deprived of his French nationality, according to an announcement made here to-day.

Several other prominent Frenchmen were also named. Among them are Baron Eugene Rothschild, of the famous banking family; M. Richard Brunot, formerly governor of the French Cameroons who was dismissed by the Vichy Government and is now at the headquarters of the Free French forces in London; and M. Jacques Meyer, Professor at the Hanoi School of Medicine.

Australia And Far East Axis

MELBOURNE, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Australian defence preparations must go ahead at full speed, declared the Air Minister to-day. He added, "A powerful country in the Pacific has joined a military alliance with the enemy and we are not facing our responsibilities if we do not make ourselves safe."

VALONA RAIDED
Despite Bad Weather

ATHENS, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. again attacked the Albania port of Valona yesterday. The raid was carried out despite bad weather, and warehouses, a munition dump and a timber depot were among the targets effectively bombed. Direct hits were registered on buildings.

Great Canadian Army

OTTAWA, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—A great army of airmen, infantry and armoured units is going overseas this year, declared Mr Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, in a broadcast to-day.

The latest gift to the Monster Raffle being organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee in aid of the Bomber Fund is a single stone diamond ring, value $500, from Messrs Sennet Freres.



GOOD WILL TO ALL—Children of embassy officials broadcast message of good will in Washington. From left: Elie Lescot, Jr., son of Haitian Minister; Pola Fotitch, 10, daughter of Yugoslavia's Minister; Liana de Baylo, 7, daughter of Nicaraguan Minister; Maria Esther, 11, daughter of Chinese military attache, and Usni Mom Bajawongse Soni Pramof, 6, son of Thailand's Minister.

Krupps Works Wrecked By Britain's Bombers

Krupps vast armament works at Essen were one huge sheet of flame when the last of a great mixed force of heavy and medium R.A.F. bombers left them after a recent raid.

From stories of the raid released by the Air Ministry it appears to have been the heaviest concentrated attack ever delivered on an objective in Germany. For more than four hours, workshops, machine sheds and administrative buildings were continuously attacked by successive units.

It was the sixteenth raid on the works, which constitute one of the largest groups of arms factories in the world.

Even before it took place the R.A.F.'s previous attacks had been so heavily concentrated that Krupps are reported to be transferring much of their plant to Poland.

Now there won't be so much to transfer.

Biggest Bombs

Many tons of high explosive, including some of the heaviest calibre bombs yet carried into Germany, and thousands of fire bombs, were rained down, says the Air Ministry.

Buildings glowed at white heat and flames towered hundreds of feet into the sky.

The attack began shortly after 8 p.m., with visibility extending up to ten miles. It was impossible to miss the great target.

From three great explosions huge fires broke out.

Other bombers, following close behind, aimed for the chain of fires.

Mass of Flames

Their high explosive bombs, straddling the works from end to end, added to the growing havoc.

Then came fire bombs.

Within a few moments, the whole of the factory area had become a mass of raging flames engulfing long lines of buildings and lighting up the sky with a glow seen 60 miles away.

Inside 50 minutes direct hits had been scored on many of the main buildings.

Explosions within factory buildings followed close on the flash of bursting bombs, and at one period explosions could be seen continuously occurring for fully three-quarters of an hour.

Pilot's Story

"It was an absolutely astounding sight," said one of the pilots.

"We were about four or five miles away when we saw a violent explosion with an enormous red glow.

"As we got nearer we saw five fires, fairly close together and regularly spaced, stretching in a straight line from north to south."

Oil Plants Attacked

While the raid on Krupp's was in progress, another strong force of R.A.F. bombers launched a large scale attack on the important synthetic oil plants at Wesserling, near Cologne.

Incendiary bombs set alight an area estimated at two miles in length by a mile wide. Later, many separate fires merged into one great blaze, seen 100 miles away.

At Dusseldorf a large steel works and its adjoining blast furnaces were heavily damaged.

Other bombers attacked an oil refinery at Gelsenkirchen and the canal locks at Rheine-Herne, bombed wharf and docks at the inland part of Duisberg-Ruhort, and started a large fire in a steel works at Berhausen.

A number of aerodromes in Germany and the occupied territories was also attacked.

The docks and harbour at Lorient, Le Havre and Dunkirk were revisited, bombs being dropped on shipping concentrations and harbour installations.

"As soon as our bombs had fallen there were several explosions and, circling, I could see a huge rectangle of white flame. It must have been nearly a mile long and a quarter of a mile wide."

An air gunner in the rear turret of another bomber said: "Another bomber went by us to attack. His bombs started one of the most amazing sights I had ever seen.

"First of all, there was a terrific yellow flash—not an ordinary bomb burst but something much bigger than that—then a pause of a few seconds and, next, about 100 yards away, a great blue flash.

"Next I saw a chain of fire sweeping across the area from south to north. The flames seemed to be boxed in and running along just as though the fire was sweeping through some long line of buildings from end to end."

It was well after midnight when the last of the attackers, diving within 1,500 feet of the ground, planted a final load of bombs accurately on the battered works.

Relative Of Queen Weds Laundress

A 20 YEAR-OLD Ayrshire Laundress, Miss Jean Crawford, whose father is a builder's labourer, has married Captain Patrick Drummond Scott, 27, whose mother, a cousin of Queen Elizabeth, was formerly Miss Ernestine Bowes-Lyon.

They were married after a fortnight's courtship. They met at a dance and became affianced on Dec. 4.

Captain Scott called several times at the Crawford cottage to ask the father's permission to marry the girl, but her family opposed the match on the ground of the difference in their social stations.

He had 24 hours' leave for the wedding, after which he returned to duty.

The bride may return to her laundry job.

"We love each other," she says, "and will be happy. My husband wants me to give up work while he is away, but I would like something to fill up the time."

Link With Scott
Printing Firm's Head

A link with the historic house of James Ballantyne (1796), Sir Walter Scott's friend and printer, has been severed by the death of Mr Robert William Hanson in Edinburgh.

Born in 1857, a native of Yorkshire, Mr Hanson early lost his parents, and was brought up by his uncle, Mr Edward Hanson, who became a sole partner in the firm of Ballantyne & Co.

In 1914 the effects of the war upon the business were such that Mr Hanson negotiated an amalgamation with the still older firm of Messrs Spottiswoode, London, the firm now becoming Spottiswoode, Ballantyne & Co., and Mr Hanson one of the directors.

Old Press

All the plant was included in the transfer, among which were the old press on which Sir Walter's novels were printed, and his chair and desk which he used in Old Paul's Work while correcting his proofs for James Ballantyne. The press was recently presented by the firm to the Albert and Victoria Museum.

Mr Hanson retired four years ago to Edinburgh.

INDIA GETS ORDERS

Among recent war supply orders received by India are orders for coal for Hongkong, Haifa, Egypt, Sudan and the Admiralty, all kinds timber for Middle East, and production parts for armaments.

Indians To Be Trained In Britain

A new industrial link between the East and the West which may raise the standard of living of all the teeming millions of India is planned by Mr Ernest Bevin.

He outlined his big scheme recently to the South Wales Regional Council of Labour at Cardiff.

He said that as India required an organised force of skilled men, he had asked the Secretary of State for India to allow him to bring several hundreds of Indians from their workshops to Britain to be trained, and to live in the homes of our people.

"The men will be paid the same par as our own trainees from the Ministry of Labour, and their wives in India will receive allowances.

New Link

"This is forging a new industrial link between the East and the West.

"We have decided to get instructors in this country—men, I hope, who will come from the Trade Union Movement with a big outlook—to train hundreds of people in India.

He told the Conference that he reated a special sub-committee to cater for Indian seamen.

"I am not going to allow them to be called lascars any more," he said. "They are Indian seamen."

Japanese Embassy In Thailand

The Japanese Finance Ministry has approved the Foreign Office's request for Y.150,000 for elevation of the Japanese Legation in Thailand to the status of an Embassy.

Among other Foreign Office projects approved by the Finance Ministry for the budget was Y.50,000 for establishment of a Japanese Consulate at Deli on Timor Island.

The newspaper "Nichi Nichi" described the Foreign Office's decision relative to Thailand as a move for closer relations between the two countries and as a "sign of a realisation toward the establishment of a co-prosperity sphere in East Asia."

M.P.s Are Not On Contract

The suggestion that a constituency should have the opportunity of changing its member was made in Parliament recently.

Lieut-Colonel Sir Thomas Moore (Con. Ayr Burghs) asked the Prime Minister whether, in view of the extension of the life of the present Parliament, he would take steps to ensure that where the electorate in a constituency wished to terminate the five-year contract entered into with their member at the last General Election they could do so by petition or memorial to the Speaker, who could then declare the seat vacant.

Mr Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, said that to speak of a five-year contract was not an apt description. Parliament, for reasons well known, had decided to prolong the life of the present Parliament, and it would not be practicable or desirable to graft on to that decision the proposal put forward.

"LOOKED LIKE A WITCH"
Wealthy Woman Recluse

A strange story was unfolded at an inquest at Lewisham, London, recently, on Briannie Margon Alice Heslop, 60-years-old spinster, who kept her fortune in a tin, and lived on biscuits and tinned food.

It was stated that when the police broke into her house at Shooters Hill Road, Blackheath, they found her decomposed body huddled behind the front door.

In a tin box under a pillow in the bedroom were found £557 in notes, a Post Office Savings Bank book showing a credit of £349 10s. 7d., a Post Office demand warrant payable to Miss Heslop for £300, a number of shares in tobacco concerns, and a considerable quantity of jewellery, including a moire band with the initial "H" set in diamonds.

Medical evidence was given that Miss Heslop died from shock and heart failure as a result of improper dieting.

"Rather Eccentric"

Samuel Vidler, formerly Miss Heslop's gardener, said that it was very rare that anyone could get to see her. "You could never get an answer at the door, and she kept the blinds drawn. She was very frail and rather eccentric," he added.

When Mr Vidler said that she wore a black hat and black dress, the Coroner remarked:—"From the description you have given, she might have been a witch."

Vidler—You might as well say she was. If you had seen her in the dark, you probably would have thought so.

P.-C. Jex said that in the bedroom he found a newspaper cutting dated September 1936, recording the death of Mr George Heslop, of Overhill Road, East Dulwich, a director of J. C. End Ltd., who left a will of £45,230.

Never Saw Her

Divisional Detective-Inspector Chapman said he was satisfied that the body was that of a recluse, who, except for Christmas-time, had not been seen for three or four years. Tradesmen never saw her. She used to pay her bills by cheque, and her bankers had never seen her.

Dr Arthur Davies said that the skin of the hands and face were mummified.

A verdict of death from natural causes was recorded.

SUEZ DEFIES PETAIN'S ORDERS

THE administrators of the Suez Canal will act with complete independence of orders or the suggestions from the Petain Government at Vichy.

This declaration was made recently by Baron Louis de Benoist, a Frenchman and general representative of the canal company. The headquarters of the company are in Paris.

The baron said that the canal was still open to shipping of all countries in accordance with its statutes, and as far as the company was concerned even German or Italian shipping could pass through if such shipping could ever get into the waterway.

"But if the British blockade were to operate at Port Said or Suez," he said, "enemy ships would be caught at one end or other of the canal outside Egyptian territorial waters."

He emphasised that there was no possible way for either Italy or Germany to obtain control of the canal while the British remained masters of it.

Girl Of 15 Tied Up Grandmother

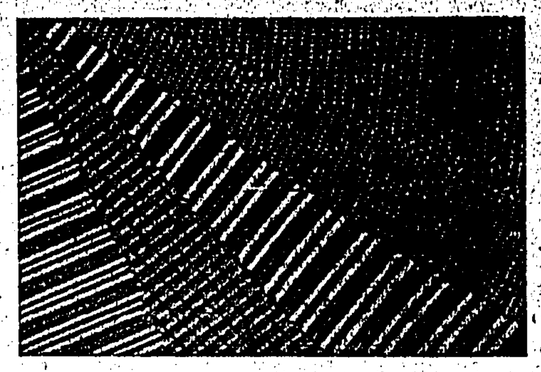
A grandmother, 71 years of age, her back almost doubled, was helped into Southwark juvenile court to tell the story of a girl of 15, her grandchild, who was sometimes "as good as gold."

"At other times," she said, "she is extremely obstinate and a bit of a brute. This is the second time she has tied me up."

A policeman said he saw the girl loitering in shop doorways in Woolwich at 1.35 a.m. She refused to give her name and address, but said, "Take me to granny. She needs me. I left her tied up."

The grandmother told him: "Take her away. My life is in danger. She has been lighting matches while I was bound and throwing them at me."

The girl was remanded for a psychologist's report.



SHIRTS to measure

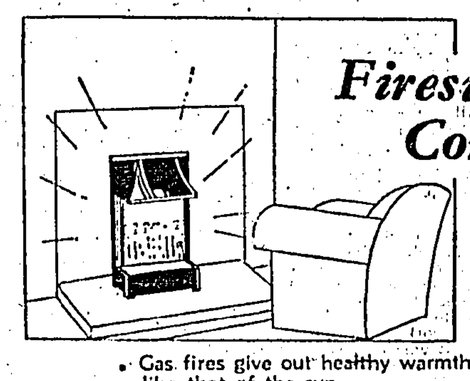
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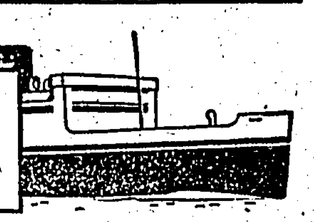
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Fine Shield Win For Eastern

Combined R.A. Allow Three Goals In Second Half: Chinese Forwards Reveal Excellent Combination

(By "SCRAMBLER")

AFTER HOLDING THEIR OWN magnificently during the first period of their match against Eastern in their Senior Shield encounter at Sookunpoo yesterday, the Combined Royal Artillery allowed their defence to be penetrated three times in the course of the second half, and although beaten, they were not disgraced, for it was only that they were unable to settle down as a team that they owed their defeat of three goals.

Eastern were no doubt the better team on the day's play, and it took all the ingenuity of their forwards to obtain the goals. While they played well as a combination, the disjointed actions of the Artillery made the task of their defence much more easier than their opponents. The Artillerymen had quite a few chances at goal, but poor shooting did not help matters.

The difference in the two teams as stated was in that the Chinese played as a team, and the soldiers disjointedly. Here in defence, Minshull put through a great deal of work, and the goals that had him beaten were not his fault. Lawton and Taylor tackled hard and cleared strongly, and had the middle line played slightly better, they might at least have held the Chinese.

Ronson was untiring in his key post, and although Greig played a sound game wherein he had the fast Hau Ching-tau greatly subdued, the same could not be said of Roberts, whose failings to cover his men left a great deal of work for the pair of backs to do. It was in this position that the weakness was to be found, and the Chinese took full advantage of it by concentrating on the right.

Owens Neglected

In attack they were good in periods, but on the whole were unable to find their feet. McCarden on the extreme left was weak, being unable to get going, and did not give the support which he should. McDermot was a hard worker, and had to forage for himself on numerous occasions. His insidemen were on and off at times, and should have gone back to help the defence.

The Artillerymen were relying too much on their rush and kick method, which in this case was unavailing. The Chinese were clearing just as effectively, if not better, and the R.A. fallacy of neglecting Owens during the greater part of the game was so apparent, that a pass to him at times might have reaped them goals.

Eastern deserved everything for their victory, for from the start they were all over the soldiers, and only the rugged spirit of the defence kept the soldiers' goal intact. During the first fifteen minutes of play, they were not awarded one goal kick, and the keeper handled the ball on less than four occasions.

N. Z. Lee playing first at inside left and later taking over the attack, was the brains of the attack. His goal from forty yards out was masterly taken. V. K. Hyui was good, thrusting his way very effectively.

Cheung Kam-hoi did not appear to be able to keep up with his teammates, and although he was seen in several good bouts with his men, his performance, on the whole, nevertheless was only mediocre. The two wingers were fast, but Hau Ching-tau found that Greig was a great stayer. Because Roberts was unable to give him the attention he deserved, Chung Yung-sum was seen to good advantage, and he was the means of giving the Eastern the lead.

Sound Defence

Eastern's defence was always sound, and never harried. Every man played his part, and the covering of each other during pressure was performed to perfection. The pair of backs, Kong Sing-keng and Ng Kee-cheong were very sound and cleared well. Lau Hin-hon did not have very much to do in the course of the whole game, and performed creditably.

It was in their intermediate trio of Lau Chi-tsang, Hsu King-sing and Lo Wai-kuen that Eastern owed much to their victory. They not only defended well but found time in giving their forwards ample aid in securing goals.

During the first half of the game, play was confined solely to the soldiers' half, and their goal bore a very charmed life. On more than two occasions, the over-anxiousness of the Eastern's forwards spoilt matters.

Had Bad Luck

On the occasions of breaks-away the soldiers had to play hard in defence, and McDermot's long shot at goal was capably handled by Lau Hin-hon. At the other end, after a bout of short passing, N. Z. Lee's shot just—scraped—the—cross-bar with Minshull well beaten.

Changing over with the score sheet still blank, Eastern once more took up the attack, and concentrated mostly on the right where Roberts was unable to control the fast moving pair. In one of his raids unmarked, Chung Yung-sum went through to put the Eastern one up.

During this period, Owens was very much neglected. With pressure being kept up, it was not long before Eastern obtained their second goal. After Minshull had saved on several occasions, play was relayed to midfield. Intercepting a pass, N. Z. Lee took the ball well to within forty yards of the goal to let go a terrific drive that went in at the left angle top corner of the net to put them two up.

Play was beginning to be too one sided, and Minshull and his pair of backs were very much put to it to stop further goals. However following further attacks, Hau Ching-tau scored after a passing bout from V. K. Hyui's pass to put Eastern three up.

COMBINED ROYAL ARTILLERY: Minshull; Lawton, Taylor; Greig, Ronson, Roberts; Owens, Atkins, DeDermot, Cross, McCarden.

EASTERN: Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-keng, Ng Kee-cheong; Lau Chi-tsang, Hsu King-sing, Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hyui, N. Z. Lee, Hau Ching-tau.

League Soccer Tables

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Sing Tao	17	13	2	2	47	20	28
S. China	16	12	2	2	48	19	26
Eastern	16	11	3	2	51	27	25
Middlesex	15	7	2	6	33	35	16
Kowloon	13	5	3	5	20	25	13
Police	16	6	1	9	27	38	12
Kwong Wah	16	4	4	8	37	45	12
R. Navy	15	3	5	7	37	41	11
R. Scots	15	4	2	9	20	41	10
Club	13	3	1	9	20	46	7
St Joseph's	16	2	3	11	17	43	7

Second Division

R. Engineers	17	14	3	0	77	17	31
R.A.S.C.	17	12	2	3	61	26	26
Sing Tao	17	11	3	3	51	23	25
S. China	18	10	5	3	70	18	25
Middlesex	18	10	3	5	56	34	23
R. Scots	18	9	2	7	44	29	20
R. Navy	18	9	2	7	45	43	20
30th R.A.	18	7	4	7	45	49	18
Kit Chee	17	7	3	7	34	47	17
Kwong Wah	17	5	3	9	27	45	13
R.A.O.C.	17	4	3	10	23	42	11
Police	18	3	1	14	25	72	7
Club	18	2	1	16	19	67	5
Kowloon	16	0	3	13	16	81	3

Third Division

R.A.F.	16	12	3	1	47	17	27
R. Signals	17	11	4	2	44	19	26
12th R.A.	17	8	5	4	41	25	21
36th R.A.	16	9	2	5	50	23	20
24th R.A.	16	7	3	6	35	23	17
R.E.	17	8	1	8	44	30	17
35th R.A.	15	6	4	5	31	33	16
R.A.M.C.	15	7	2	6	29	42	16
7th R.A.	16	6	3	7	30	30	15
International	15	5	2	8	31	31	12
20th R.A.	15	5	2	8	27	41	12
Shell	15	1	3	11	13	49	5
A.S.A.	14	0	0	14	4	63	0

Thrilling Fare For Softball Fans

A considerable number of matches in the Softball Leagues yesterday were fraught with thrills and excitement for the fans. Three were won by a one-run margin and a fourth by two runs.

Canuckettes were displaced from the lead in the girls division by the Wildcats in a 11-2 run-around. Canucks were nosed out by the Filipinos 3-2, while the Chinese B.C. lost 4-5 to the Rambling Rees.

Then the Indians came along and upset calculations with a 7-5 victory over the H.K. Baseballers. The Baseballers tied scores 5-all with a single in the seventh frame, and it was not until the final frame that the Indians crossed the rubber mat twice to clinch the issue.

Scores in brief were:

Girls

Canuckettes	2 Wildcats	11
Cardinals	20 Chung Hwa	1
Panthers	14 Rambleiettes	10

Men
First Division

Chinese	4 Recrelo Aces	5
Canucks	2 Filipinos	3
Indians	7 Mohawks	5

Second Division

Chung Hwa	6 Nam Hwa	5
Cosmopolitans	7 VHC	14
RA	7 RAF	2

Inter-Hong

Lucas	10 Texaco	17

Yachting Results

The second Jan Trophy race sailed by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday resulted:

Jess	15.07.50 G. E. Nevo	1
La Linda	15.13.22 P. Chidell	2
Maureen	15.20.25 Blake, Barnett	3
True Blue	15.27.42 L. P. Ralph	4
Gull	15.28.44 A. O. G. Mills	5
Ariki	15.45.51 Forsyth, Browne	6
Artemis	15.48.55 G. G. Wood	7
Painted Lady	15.51.31 D. Smith	8
Isobel	15.51.43 R. L. Berridge	9

W. G. Pryde, former C.B.S. boy and son of Mr W. Pryde, former Chairman of the Hongkong F.A., scores one of the two goals for Cambridge against Oxford in the drawn Universities match. — *Illustrated Sporting And Dramatic.*

Golf

Semi-Final Matches At Country Club

SEMI-FINAL MATCHES in both the Captain's Cup and the Men's foursomes were played at the Country Golf Club yesterday, and resulted as follows:

MEN'S FOURSOMES

R. E. Lee and A. W. Ramsey beat Geo. Lee and A. T. Lee 6 and 5.

W. Williamson and C.S.M. Thom beat T. Y. C. Lee and C. H. Suen 2 up.

CAPTAIN'S CUP

A. W. Ramsey beat C. H. Suen 5 and 3.

The remaining semi-final match between R. E. Lee and F. X. Silva will be played next Sunday.

Junior Matches At Fanling

In the second round of the junior championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club yesterday, N. D. Lloyd beat D. J. Valentine 4 and 2; S. L. Lloyd beat F. A. Redmond 4 and 2; A. J. Dennis beat P. V. McLane 2 and 1; and E. J. Price beat F. N. Merritt 3 and 2.

A. R. P. ATHLETIC MEETING AT CAROLINE HILL

THOUGH times and distances were nothing extraordinary, the first Athletic Meeting of the Upper Levels Division, District "A", A. R. P. Wardens' Society, held at Caroline Hill yesterday, was most enjoyable, and competition keen.

Lam Tse-kwong was successful in all three of the men's senior sprint events, and took individual honours in that section with the 15 points thus gained.

Miss Lee Yak-mui, however, was a more outstanding competitor among the women, winning not only all four of the running events, but took first place in the high jump and second in the long jump.

Wing-Cmdr Steel Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, presented the prizes, one to himself for winning the Officials handicap race.

Lucky Cash Sweep Numbers At Fanling

RACE 1

No. 663	$500.63
" 1233	166.75
" 64	84.38

Unplaced ponies ($25 each): Nos. 1120, 1115, 82, 437, 1170.

RACE 2

No. 1,000	$1,074.30
" 615	300.90
" 1141	153.45

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 226, 744, 407.

RACE 3

No. 667	$1,148.07
" 149	328.10
" 646	164.10

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 1,012, 523.

RACE 4

No. 34802	$16,076.14
" 2916	4,593.18
" 16967	2,296.58

Unplaced ponies ($510.36 each): Nos. 9245, 23789, 18716, 4474, 19551.

RACE 5

No. 400	$1,196.23
" 349	341.78
" 14	170.89

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 1238, 849, 1,279.

RACE 6

No. 986	$1,089.48
" 511	311.28
" 771	155.64

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 500, 168, 454, 212.

Lawn Bowls

K.C.C. Beat Vol. Sergeants By One Shot!

An enjoyable lawn bowls match was held at Cox's Road yesterday when Kowloon Cricket Club entertained the Volunteer Sergeants' Mess and won 92-91. A sum of $50 was collected in aid of the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund.

Scores. K.C.C. rinks first:

A. E. Perry, S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, R. B. Wellwood lost to C. S. M. Baskett, Q. M. S. Spary, Sgt Carr, Sgt Rakusen 10-23.

R. T. Broadbridge, E. Abraham, A. W. Smith, V. C. Labrum lost to Sgt Zimmern, Sgt Baptista, Sgt Steven, Sgt Sherriff 17-18.

A. E. P. Guest, A. H. Martin, F. A. Fabel, W. W. Parsons beat Sgt Geall, Pipe Major Mackie, Sgt Lockhart, C.Q.M.S. Fincher 24-7.

A. Zimmern, J. W. Bertram, F. Broadbridge, A. A. Madar beat Sgt Fowles, D. R. M. Rose, Sgt Remedios, Sgt Meyer 18-16.

D. A. Glover, R. T. Burch, R. S. Capell, G. E. Taylor lost to Sgt Skinner, B. S. M. Jack, R. S. M. Walker, C.Q.M.S. Silva (skip) 23-27.

W. G. PRYDE SCORES FOR CAMBRIDGE



Army Fifteen Win Final Tournament Game

Police Routed 14-0: Fast Crisp Passing

(By "Fly-Half")

IN THE FINAL Quadrangular Tournament rugger match of the season, Army beat Police by 14 points (a goal, a penalty goal and two tries) to nil on Saturday.

Playing into the sun and with the wind behind, Army established a sound lead of 9 points in the first half.

Lavalle gave a grand display of tackling for the Police and saved several likely tries. Jackson played well but not brilliantly. Wright-Nooth was in great form and the fact that the Army forwards seldom got through with the ball at their feet was largely due to the scrum-half's efforts.

Cullinan, Oakley and Dempsey were hard workers in the Police pack.

With fast and dependable threes in front of him, Picton was seldom called into action. The Army threes were fast and crisp in the handling and passing, especially Douglas, who was the best on view.

Morgan, passing with one hand, was erratic at times, but made up for it with the speed with which he got the ball away. Millar, Bompas and Sutherland were the outstanding forwards for Army.

The Game

A penalty against Lavalle for lying on the ball gave Coombes an easy kick for a penalty goal. After previous attempts to break through were repulsed by Lavalle, Douglas sold the dummy to Innes and went over for a try near the posts. Coombes failed to convert.

Next, Macdonald raced round Verigo to score at the corner. Millar failed with the kick.

In the second half, a try by Richards and converted by Coombes from in front of the posts completed the scoring.

Teams were:

Police.—Lavalle; Dingsdale, Fay, Innes and Verigo; Jackson and Wright-Nooth; Cullinan, Lewis, Searle; Olesen, Jenner; Oakley, Rose and Dempsey.

Army.—Picton; Richards, Douglass, Hook and Macdonald; Coombes and Morgan; Sutherland, Ford, Bompas; Millar, Heath; Berry, Duke and Page.

FINAL STANDINGS

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	6	5	1	0	69	19	11
Club	6	3	2	1	87	45	8
Army	6	2	1	3	53	49	5
Police	6	0	0	6	21	123	0
	24	10	4	10	215	215	22

Club And Navy Teams Below Strength

NAVY AND CLUB were below strength for their friendly game which Club won by 11 points (a goal and two tries) to nil.

Club combined well and brought off some clever moves with Carruthers outstanding. He saved a certain try when he brought Honeywell down from behind when the Navy player had broken clean through. Morgan and Stewart were other Club threes deserving mention.

Kennedy and Godfrey were conspicuous in Club pack.

Honeywell was the only danger to Club side, and had he had more support he would have obtained a few tries. King and Hughes were prominent forwards.

A try by Bosanquet, which Macrae failed to convert from in front of the posts, was the only score in the first half. Stewart obtained two tries in the second periods, and Redman converted once.

Hockey

"Y" Hold Interport XI To A 2-2 Draw

A TEAM selected from the 17 players chosen to represent Hongkong in the forthcoming hockey interport match with Macao made a rather poor show at King's Park on Saturday when the European Y.M.C.A. held them to a 2-2 draw.

The latter, however, were without the services of W. A. Reed and H. L. Ozorio, and this made a great difference in the half-line. But even up forward, the Colony XI were somewhat disjointed, and it could hardly be attributed to the weakness of the halves.

The Gemmell-Spencelayh combination on the "Y" right wing were a considerable source of worry to the Interport backs, especially Gonsalves, in whose half it was that they attacked.

R. Marques, right half, was the shining light of the Colony side. His foraging, blocking and distribution were all that could be required of a half-back.

Jordan and Waldron, wing halves for the "Y", were mainly instrumental in holding the Interporters. They broke up innumerable attacks and gave great support to the wing forwards.

The Scoring

Hitchcock gave "Y" the lead from a centre from Dunne, but Gurbachan Singh equalised soon afterwards. In the second half, Parker put the Colony XI in the lead, but Jordan then scored from a corner to even matters.

Teams were:

Interport XI.—V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and J. B. Gonsalves; R. Marques, M. H. Hassan, N. B. Whitley (first-half) and A. M. Alves (second-half); D. T. Smith, Gurbachan Singh, A. E. P. Guest, W. Parker and W. Brown.

Y.M.C.A. 1st XI.—Cleggett; D. Taylor and E. Vouriefi; B. M. Jordan, Coombe and Waldron; Spencelayh, Gemmell, Hitchcock, Olson and Dunne.

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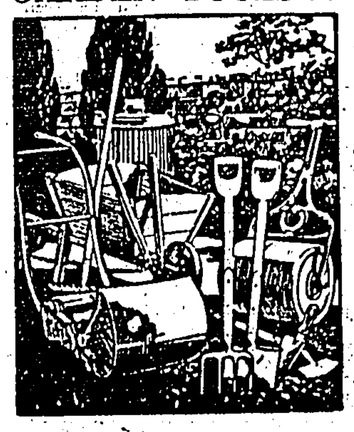
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FIRING PRACTICES

A.A. And Heavy Guns This Week

Heavy Gun practice will take place between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to-day. Firing Areas "C" and "D" will be affected.

Light Gun practice will be carried out between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Light Gun firing practice will be carried out between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight on February 4, 5 and 6. Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Firing practice as under will be carried out on February 7:

(a) Heavy Gun Anti-Aircraft practice between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Southern Area of the Island.

Firing Areas "C" and "D" will be affected.

(b) Heavy Gun firing practice between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Firing Area "C" will be affected.

(c) Light Gun practice between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight.

Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Heavy Gun Anti-Aircraft practice will be carried out between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on February 8 in the southern Area of the Island.

Firing Areas "C" and "D" will be affected.

Firing practice as under will be carried out on February 9:

(a) Light Gun firing practice between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Firing Areas "A" and "B" will be affected.

(b) Light Gun firing practice between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Firing Area "B" will be affected.

Support For Bomber Fund

A total of $1,554,320.35 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

P. K. P. (monthly donation)	$500
"Sale of Scrap" (eighth donation)	10
Mr R. C. Olive (fifth donation)	200
"Airdaluinn" (monthly donation)	100
Mr B. Lipkovsky (monthly donation)	2
Anonymous (monthly donation)	5
Mrs L. N. Winfield (monthly donation)	10
W. P. C. (January)	10
P. S. S. Chicken Feed (weekly donation)	26
S.D.O. Staff, R.N. Dockyard	15
Hongkong Reel Club	550

REFUGEE WELFARE

The Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council announces the following donations received during the month of January, 1941:

Four Sympathisers, c/o S. C. M. Post, $40; Mr Li Kun-bing, $50.

The Council gratefully acknowledge the following gifts to their 1941 Appeal Fund: Mrs Pau (for Food Kitchen) $10; St. Stephen's Girls' College Guild of Help (per Miss E. S. Atkins) for Soup Kitchens $200; Miss Mavis Lush (for Food Kitchens) $10; Miss Ruby Mow Fung $15; Miss Lean Siak Keng $5; H.K. Chinese Relief Association (per Mr Ho Kom-tong) (Food Kitchens) $300; Rev. H. D. B. Harford $24; Rev. A. P. Ross $10; Miss Jennings $2; Mr Ho Kom-tong and Mr Tang Shiu-kin $250; Miss Foss (Food Kitchens) $10; Mr P. K. Shenky $10; Miss F. K. Langford $5; Miss B. M. Wansey and Rev A. P. Rose $25; Mr Pau Shin-chi $10; the Staff and Students of Ladies College, Colombo, $68.18.

Donations in kind during the month of January:

600 pieces of firewood, Sandakan Chamber of Commerce; freightage on firewood, Messrs Jardine Matheson; free advertisements in the *South China Morning Post* and *Hongkong Telegraph*

Memorial Service For George Hsu

A memorial service will be held on February 16 at Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill Road, for the late Mr George Hsu, well-known Chinese jurist who died in Hongkong on September 26, 1940.

The service is being sponsored by Mr Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, Dr H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, Dr Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Madame Sun Yat-sen, General Pai Chung-hsi, Kwangsi Commander, General Li Hon-wan, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, General Feng Yu-hsiang, Vice-Chairman of the National Military Council, Dr Wang Shih-chieh, Minister of Publicity, Mr Hsu Shih-ying, Acting Chairman of the National Relief Commission, and Dr W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia.

In 1917 Mr Hsu was Chief Secretary to Dr Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Chinese Republic.

Washington, Feb. 1.

Mr William Gibbs McAdoo, ex-Senator from California, Secretary of the Treasury during the World War and Chairman of the Board of the American President Lines, died here to-day of a heart attack.—*United Press.*



FIRST FAMILY—President and family leave White House for Christmas services in Washington. From left: Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mrs. Sara Roosevelt, Franklin D., Jr., holding Franklin 3rd, Mrs. Franklin D., Jr., the President, Harry Hopkins and daughter Diana, front, and Mrs. James R. Roosevelt.

Russia Shows Her Might: Vast Mass Demonstration

RUSSIA would not be taken unawares, declared Marshal Timoshenko, Soviet Defence Commissar, speaking from Lenin's tomb in Red Square, Moscow, recently.

He addressed a huge military and civilian parade. On the upper terrace of the tomb stood Stalin, Molotov, Voroshilov and other Government officials.

"The Red Army," declared Marshal Timoshenko, "solemnly promises, at the first call of Party and Government, to inflict a crushing defeat on anyone who would dare to attempt to attack the sacred frontiers of our country.

"The present war is expanding more and more, involving new countries and new nations, and already over half the population of the world has been drawn into war.

"The war means death to hundreds of thousands and the destruction of monuments of culture and civilisation built by the hands of workmen and peasants.

Soviet's Role

"The great policy of peace has guaranteed the security of our Fatherland.

"The Soviet Union does not take part in this war. The Soviet Government knows how to protect the peaceful work of our people.

"They have also brought about an impressive growth in the role that Soviet Russia is now playing in matters of international politics and Soviet Russia's authority abroad."

The peaceful solution of Soviet Russia's external problems—the return of Bessarabia and Bukovina and the incorporation of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania—had expanded the frontiers of Soviet Russia.

"The capitalist world will have to make room and acquiesce in that," he added, "but whatever the achievements so far, Russia must be ready for any surprises.

"We must remember Stalin's order that all of us should constantly be in a state of mobilisation, to be ready for any dangers, and to see that we are not taken unaware.

"Work Harder"

"The Red Army must continue to expand and increase its might, while our workers must work harder and better."

For an hour and 20 minutes units of the Red Army marched past Lenin's tomb in the parade, most of which was taken up by motorised infantry units, followed by a long procession of anti-aircraft detachments, motorised artillery and big field pieces drawn by tractors.

"All these are the creation of Soviet constructive genius, achieved as a result of Stalin's personal guidance, the fruit of his initiative and personal supervision," said the Moscow radio announcer in a commentary on the parade.

"He is the man who created these new arms. He checks every design, inspires every construction and all new ideas."

"Smash Enemy"

Three tanks, which flashed across the Red Square, heralded the approach of huge masses of tanks which rumbled past Lenin's tomb.

"A nation which has such an army can be quite sure," declared the commentator. "Such an army could smash any enemy."

The military parade ended with a flight over the Square of bomber and fighter planes.

A civilian parade consisting of 200,000 workers followed in a march across the Square.

Polish Airmen's Good Eyesight

One feature of nearly all the Polish airmen serving with the R.A.F. is their exceptionally good eyesight, says a correspondent.

A Polish pilot explained it by saying that in his country radio-telephony was very poor against British standards, and where British pilots were trained to have keen ears as well as keen eyes, Poles had got used to relying entirely on their eyes.

Another explanation was given by a British squadron leader who has often fought alongside Polish airmen. Poland's atmosphere is much clearer than ours and the Poles get used to focusing their eyes on points 10 or 20 miles away. This exceptional eyesight enables them to spot an enemy aircraft long before the normal British pilot.

Chinese Consul Urges Military Training

AN appeal to the Chinese in Singapore to seek military training and prepare to help the local authorities should hostilities come was made by Mr Kao Ling-pai, Chinese Consul-General, at the opening of the new premises of the Chinese Association.

"As citizens of British Malaya," said Mr Kao, "it is incumbent upon you to help defend the land of your residence.

"You should receive such military training as to enable you to take up arms in the event an enemy approaching this peaceful land.

"With this in view, it is imperative that all of you should take the lead of the Chinese community and join the local volunteer force.

Call For Action

"Empty talk will never do; it is action that matters, so let us act at once!"

The president of the association, Mr G. H. Kiat, thanked members and particularly those whose help had largely made it possible for the club to have premises of its own.

Dr Lim Boon Keng spoke of the need of fostering social relations between the Chinese and other communities.

He suggested that the association should build an air raid shelter in its four-acre grounds. Friends of other communities should be invited to see the shelter and should also be told what they could do in providing similar protection. This, said Dr Lim, would be a valuable public service at the present time.

Capt. N. M. Hashim spoke on behalf of the guests, and he endorsed the Chinese Consul-General's plea for unity not only among the Chinese but among the other communities as a whole.

"Perfect" Cure Now Banned

Tannic acid, hailed only a few years ago as the perfect dressing for burns, must never again be used for burns on the hands or face.

This revolutionary conclusion was reached by all speakers at a meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine recently.

It is quoted in the editorial of the current "Lancet," which explains the "disasters" which may arise from its use.

Danger to Eyes

"The immediate results of treatment may be good in some ways," it is stated, "but it also produces gross crippling of the hands, and by immobilising or deforming the eyelids endangers the eyes."

Tannic acid jelly for burns is sold extensively in shops.

In the Navy and RAF, it is pointed out, a jelly containing gentian violet and merthiolate has now been substituted as a first-aid application.

A.R.P. Order

It is learned from the Ministry of Health that already all A.R.P. personnel have been instructed not to use tannic acid for burns on face and hands.

"They have been given alternative methods of treating burns with the gentian violet and merthiolate jelly," an official said.

Remarried After £20,000 Divorce

Mr George J. Anthony Cathcart-Walker Heneage, the big game hunter, of Killochan Castle, Girvan, died recently, aged 34.

In 1920 Mr Heneage married Miss Jean Mann-Thomson. Three years later their divorce, which cost £20,000, created a stir in society circles. Proceedings began in Scotland and were taken to the House of Lords.

Two years later Mr Heneage announced his engagement to his ex-wife and the couple were remarried at Chelsea register office.

Mrs Heneage said at the time: "Our divorce case made us both thoroughly miserable."

"We talked things over," she added, "and decided that we had been hasty and inconsiderate to each other."

Their friends staged a party to celebrate the remarriage.

A daughter born in 1936 was christened at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, where the first marriage took place.

FIVE NEW ANTI-T.B. CLINICS OPENED RECENTLY

A report on the local Anti-Tuberculosis Clinics has been issued by the Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association, and shows that five clinics were operated on the Island and Kowloon Peninsula in 1940 under the auspices of the Association.

The first to be opened was at the Kowloon City Chinese Public Dispensary, by kind permission of the Chairman. This clinic started on June 10 and was staffed by two volunteer doctors from the Maryknoll Convent and a Nursing Sister, all possessing special experience in the diagnosis and care of tuberculous patients. A total of 272 patients were examined, and revisits numbered 1,003. The age and sex distribution consisted of 210 adults and 62 children, of whom 116 were males and 156 females.

Many visits were paid by the staff to the homes in and around Kowloon City to ensure that the advice given in the clinic was carried out as far as economic conditions and the serious lack of house room allowed. Suspected cases were submitted to X-ray examination and to tuberculin tests.

Cod liver oil emulsion and substitute and fifteen half-pints of soya bean milk (vita-milk) donated daily by a leading commercial concern, were given at this centre with satisfactory results.

Further Clinics

A second clinic was started on August 9 in a portion of the Government Health Centre at Tsimshatsui. Here, another two volunteer doctors (Drs J. H. Shu and N. K. Law) held sessions and saw 286 patients (46 male and 69 female) with 171 revisits by the end of 1940.

A third clinic was opened on August 27 at the Shamshuipo Chinese Public Dispensary with the approval of the Chairman. Drs H. K. Pang and T. C. Pan acted as volunteer physicians. Some 60 patients were seen, with 88 return visits. Of these, 29 were women and 31 were men. All the cases were between seventeen and fifty-four years of age.

Most of the patients belonged to the coolie, factory worker or shop-keeper class, working for twelve to sixteen hours a day on inadequate food and living five or six crowded together in a bed space.

On November 5, a fourth clinic was opened, at Stanley, by Dr A. H. Barwell. Some 18 patients were seen of whom 13 were men.

Yet a fifth clinic was opened at the Violet Peel Health Centre on November 26, with Dr E. W. J. Sun and Dr T. P. Wu generously giving their services. During the last two months, 60 new cases were seen, with a total of 74 revisits. Here, also, two gallons of vita-milk were delivered daily and were distributed to those attending who needed it.

It can be said, without hesitation, that these anti-tuberculosis clinics manned by public-spirited doctors, and members of the Auxiliary Nursing Service, provide a real need in a country where so many thousands die of tuberculosis every year, the report declares.

Humphreys Estate Presents Report

The report of the Directors of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd, for the past year, states:

The net profit after deducting Directors' and General Managers' remuneration and including $36,539.53 brought forward from last account amounts to $217,812.17.

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Directors.—During the year Mr H. V. Wilkinson, D.S.O. resigned from the Board on leaving the Colony and Mr L. J. Davies was invited to fill the vacancy. In accordance with Clause 86 of the Company's Articles of Association Mr J. Scott Harston, Mr J. M. Alves and Mr L. J. Davies, retire but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, and Messrs Linstead and Davis, who offer themselves for re-election.

Greeks Advance Steadily

Important Mountain Peak Captured

London, Feb. 2.

The important mountain peak, known as 1900, originally organised as a defensive position by the Government of the former King Zog of Albania, was captured on Friday by Greek troops at the point of the bayonet after an all-night battle.

This is among several successes reported by the Athens radio last night. The Italians fought with great stubbornness and determination, but were overcome in the end by the furious onslaught of the Greeks and after being dislodged fled in disorder, completely routed. In their hasty flight from this one of Albania's most formidable peaks, the Italians abandoned very great quantities of war material.

Another success on Friday occurred in the coastal area, when the Italians threw very strong forces into a big counter attack and received the severest thrashing they have had since General Cavallero assumed command.

After suffering terrible losses, the Italians retreated in disorder and were unable to reform their scattered ranks, and the Greeks pursued the enemy troops beyond their original positions and took possession of a line of peaks 5,000 feet high, dominating the whole area.

To the north-east of this position, another lofty peak was captured with heavy Italian losses. All Italian counter attacks were thus smashed. The enemy sustained a severe defeat.

The Athens radio added, "The Greek army is now advancing steadily and successfully towards their objectives set by the Greek command."—*Reuter.*

Italian Vessel Sunk

Budapest, Feb. 2.

The Greek Radio to-night announced a Greek submarine, the Papanicolis, sank a 10,000 ton Italian transport out of an Italian convoy which was *en route* to Valona from Brindisi.

Also that the Greeks had occupied a 1,500 metre height north of Himara dominating the terrain in that area.

British bombers surprised and caused panic to Italian troops at Tepelini.

On the central front, a desperate Italian counter-attack collapsed under Greek artillery fire.—*United Press.*

Greek Civilian Losses

Athens, Feb. 2.

A communique to-day reported more local successes and the capture of 270 prisoners.

Greek civilian air raid victims in December numbered 67 killed and 93 wounded, and 160 homes were destroyed and nearly 300 slightly damaged.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Air Activity On Small Scale

London, Feb. 2.

Both British and German air activity for the week ending at dawn on January 31 was on a small scale, owing to bad weather. On four nights no raids were made on Germany and German-occupied territory, but on other nights bombs started fires on industrial targets in Hanover. Raids were also carried out on Wilhelmshaven and other targets in north-west Germany and the submarine base of Lorient.

The Germans lost 23 planes over Britain and British coastal waters, to one British plane. Over Germany and German occupied territory, the Germans lost seven planes, while the British lost 16 and one at sea.

On the Mediterranean fronts, including Africa, Albania and Malta, Germany and Italy lost 87 planes in the air and 97 on the ground, while British losses were 14.—*Reuter.*



BIBLE REVISED—For the first time in 200 years the Catholic Bible is revised. Looking over proofs in Washington are Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City, Edward H. Donze and Rt. Rev. William L. Newton of Catholic University.

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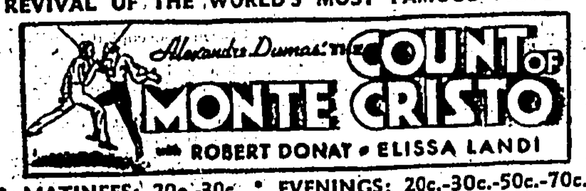
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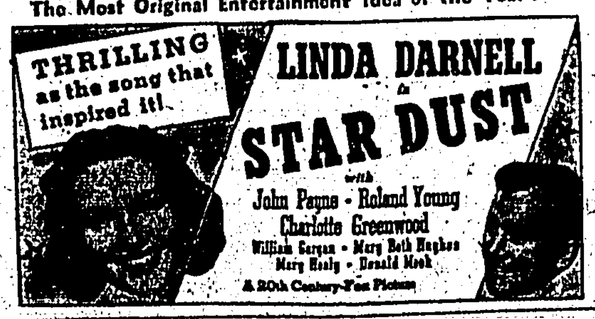


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Soldiers, Police, & Civilians In Riots

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flashes indicate that the wearers have volunteered for duty in any part of Africa; both the police and soldiers are entitled to wear them.

Trouble again broke out on Saturday night and continued on Sunday morning. The police then used tear gas and made several baton charges to disperse the crowds.

Automobiles were wrecked and a police van was set ablaze. Police reinforcements were sent from the outlying towns and the First National Volunteer Brigade was called out. Troops were summoned from military camps and assisted the military police to maintain order.

On Saturday Johannesburg was, as usual crowded with soldiers on leave and the trouble started when some of them saw a bearded man in a tram-car which they attacked.

Newspapers Attacked

Many shop windows were broken.

The soldiers attempted to reach the offices of the Ossewabrandwag—popularly supposed to be an anti-British organisation—which is in the Transvaler building but failed.

They then ran round the back of the buildings, breaking the plate-glass windows of the "Vaderland," where the printing machinery was damaged.

The streets were in considerable turmoil and audiences from cinemas and theatres were added to the crowds when disturbances were at their worst.

Londoners Sneer At Daylight Raiders

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planes come overhead and A.A. shells start bursting they duck into doorways to keep away from shell fragments. It's a good rule to flop when you hear a bomb swishing. You always get two or three seconds warning and can get down or get behind a pillar or something. One of my newspaper friends flopped and was unhurt when one bomb went off in a street about 25 yards away from him."

London Can Take It

In another part of the letter Mr Moore says: "Some people have lost their homes and are undergoing hardship, including the poor subway shelter folks, but the average person gets along as well as in peace times.

"There are about 12½ per cent. of Londoners living in public shelters, I understand. The rest sleep at home, taking their chances or sleeping in shelters in which they have fixed beds, heaters, etc.

"Personally I get more sleep than when the kids were about, get all I want to eat, am not bothered by any rations, and live just about a normal life outside of the slight inconvenience in getting around in a blackout. I think London can stand up to as much as she has taken for years, if necessary."

Arsenals Of India

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wooden spokewheels are abolished. The formidable weapon that I saw was fitted with heavy pneumatic tyres. All the guns fitted with carriages in the factory are made in India.

Since the outbreak of war, the output of the factory is two or three times the pre-war production while the number of workmen is more than doubled.

Constant Production

Production is almost continuous, ranging from 20 hours a day in some shops to nearly 24 in others.

While the main work is the production of gun carriages, the factory also makes a wide variety of other articles, including field cookers for the Indian Army. These cookers are now being produced in thousands.

AGORDAT FALLS TO BRITISH

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port and are now trying to make their way eastwards by mountain tracks.

"In Abyssinia, following British pressure in the Metemma area, the enemy is also in full retreat on the Metamma - Gondar road, closely followed by British mobile troops.

General Retreat

"Pressure by British patrols continues in all sectors in Italian Somaliland across the Italian frontier, resulting in a general falling back of the enemy's advanced screen."

Regarding Libya, the communique says that concentration of British forces in the area is proceeding smoothly.

Bayonets Girl And Shoots Himself

A CADET in an Officers' Training Corps, who was formerly a Harrow schoolboy, bayoneted a girl to death in a locked bedroom, then shot himself.

He was William Hitchins, 38, of Burnham.

The girl was Eleanor Corbett, 20, of Kensington.

Hitchins called to his host, who stood outside the locked door: "Eleanor has had a very bad nightmare."

Then he shot himself through the head.

Twenty-six bayonet wounds were in the girl's body.

Donated To The Bomber Fund



The above collection, consisting of 18 gold and silver decorations, gold watch and chain, antique silver forks and spoons, gold buttons and tie pins, which belonged to the late Mr H. W. Charrington, has been donated to the War Fund by his son, Mr E. Chippendale Charrington, of Hongkong.

It is interesting to recall that the late Mr Charrington, who was born at Hornsey, Middlesex, England on March 25, 1836, was a distant relative of Flora Macdonald and of the fourth Baron Macdonald, Lord of the Isle of Skye.

Picture below shows the late Mr H. W. Charrington.



No Wonder He Blushed

Typists, gardeners, butchers and bakers are among the army of men and women now being trained to build planes for Britain's bigger air force.

The other day one of their instructors had a mild shock.

A new arrival at the school instituted by Saunders-Roe, the flying-boat builders, after a lesson explaining the first principles of geometry, was asked to provide a short definition of an angle.

Next morning the instructor received a ten-page treatise on trigonometry, theorems.

The paper caused the instructor to blush, for it was signed: "....M.A., Oxon."

Court Overrules Girl's Father

Miss Valerie Angel, 18-year-old Brighton stage artist, told Aldershot magistrates that while her father did not object to her courtship he was against her marriage.

She sought permission to marry Private Maurice Blimes, who, before joining the Army, was articled to a firm of solicitors at Brighton. His father is a company director.

Miss Angel explained: "We want to be married at a London synagogue in four months. Meanwhile, we want to announce our engagement."

Mais Angel's father was not in court.

The magistrates granted the application and wished the couple good luck.

Dutch Must Help To Rebuild Hamburg

FOUR thousand Dutchmen have been transported to Hamburg to help repair the port, wrecked by R.A.F. raids, the Nazi-controlled Dutch radio has announced.

From Poland, too, comes news that the Nazis are expecting the R.A.F. to extend its operations during the longer nights.

Black-out rules are being tightened throughout the German-held territory and severe penalties inflicted on offenders.

La Guardia Tipped For Cabinet Job

Fiorella Laguardia, fiery, Nazi-hating Mayor of New York, who was one of the strongest campaigners for a third term for Roosevelt, is expected to be given a post in the President's reshuffled Cabinet, says a London report.

Frances Perkins, present Secretary of Labour, may be left out, and Secretary of War Colonel Henry L. Stimson will probably resign. Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes has already submitted his resignation.

There is continued speculation that Roosevelt may offer a post in the third New Deal to Wendell Willkie. There is also the possibility that Joseph P. Kennedy, may be offered the chairmanship of the Defence Commission.

Whatever appointments are made will be designed to avoid delay in preparing America and helping Britain.

Cannot Beat Britain Says Nazi General

The revealing statement—contrary to the trend of opinion of all other articles on the same subject in the German Press—that the German Air Force cannot win the war is made by General Kabisch in the "Koelnische Zeitung."

The war, says the general, can be won only by the Army, adding: "This warning becomes necessary as the German people indulge in the optimistic view that the war can be won by the Air Force. The fact remains that the only way of winning is by bringing troops into England.

"The people of Germany often think that the dive bombers won the way in Poland. This is quite untrue. Our Air Force certainly gave the greatest support, but it could not defeat the Polish Army, which was defeated only by our Army."

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GOOD ENTERTAINMENT

Produced under the distinguished patronage of H. E. the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, H. E. Major-General A. E. Grasett, and the Honourable the Naval Commodore, David Kossick's repeat performance of "Funisty" (his third repertoire of "Fun") entertained a large and appreciative audience at the China Fleet Club on Saturday night, in aid of the *South China Morning Post* Bomber Fund.

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AGORDAT FALLS TO BRITISH WITH PRISONERS AND GUNS

CAIRO, FEB. 2 (REUTER).—BRITISH TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED THE TOWN OF AGORDAT, AN IMPORTANT STRATEGICAL POINT IN ERITREA ON THE RAILWAY LEADING TO THE RED SEA PORT OF MASSAWA.

ANNOUNCING THIS SUCCESS, TO-DAY'S COMMUNIQUE FROM BRITISH G.H.Q. SAYS: "YESTERDAY MORNING BRITISH TROOPS CAPTURED THE TOWN OF AGORDAT, TAKING MANY HUNDREDS OF PRISONERS WITH GUNS AND MECHANICAL TRANSPORT. SIX ITALIAN MEDIUM TANKS, FIVE LIGHT TANKS AND 15 GUNS WERE ALSO DESTROYED.

"The enemy sustained heavy casualties during the final attack carried out by the British and Indian troops with R.A.F. co-operation. By dusk yesterday evening, advanced elements of the British forces were again in close pursuit of the enemy withdrawing towards Keren.

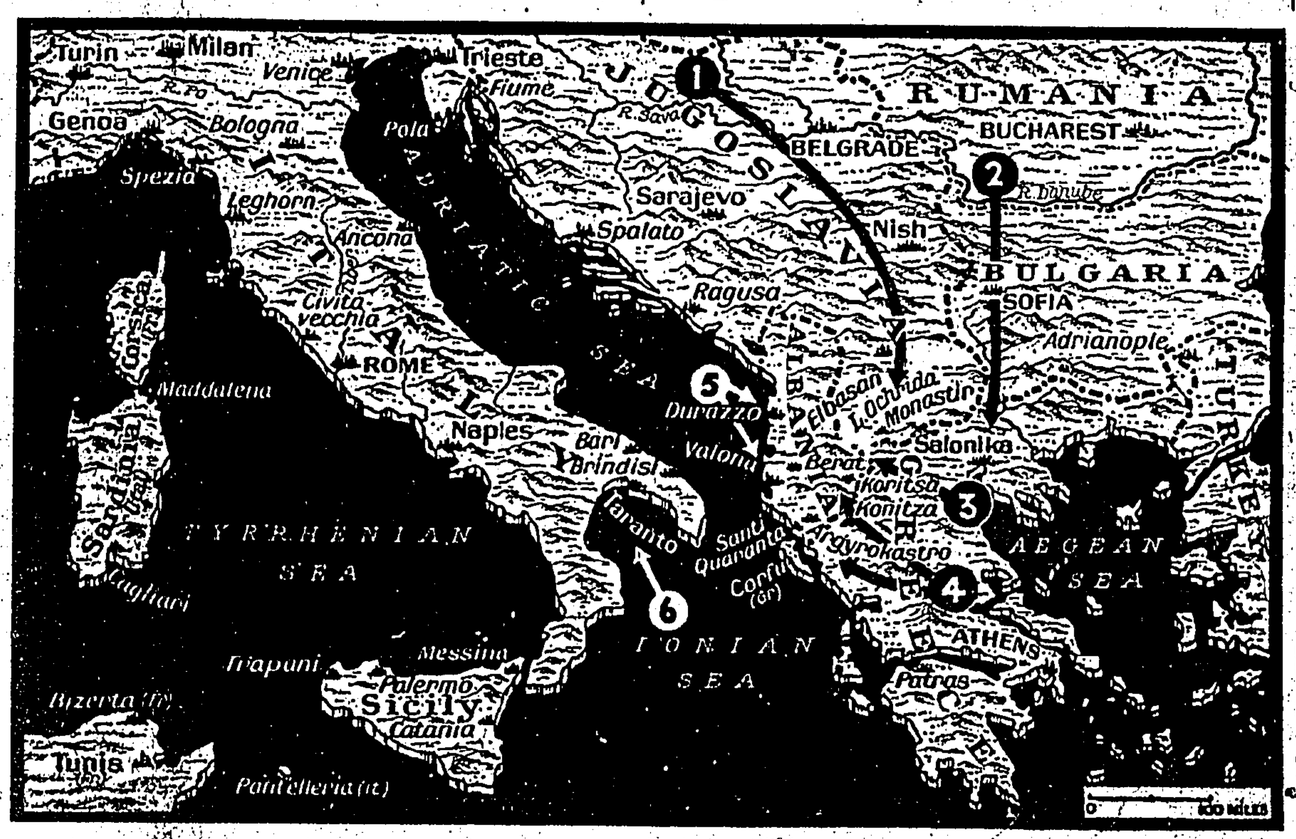
"In the Barentu area operations are proceeding well, while further south, Biacundi is now in British hands with more prisoners from the Italian forces which were originally withdrawn from Umm Hagar.

"As the result of these actions, coupled with patriot activities, Italian troops withdrawing from the Walkait district have been obliged to abandon the bulk of their mechanical trans-

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Key Points To Albanian Situation

Here are the key points to the present situation in Albania. (1) objective of possible Nazi drive through Yugo-Slavia (2) Hitler's back door to Greece, a move Turkey would resist (3) Greek drive towards El Bassan, the key sector for Durazzo (4) Greek capture of Berat would cut off Italians in the south (5) Durazzo and Valona, vital Italian evacuation bases (6) Taranto—bombed by R.A.F. Italian navy crippled.



Cities Razed But Hearts Are High

What Mr Willkie Saw

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Mr Wendell Willkie started his tour of the bombed provincial cities of England to-day with visits to Coventry and Birmingham. He was first conducted through the ruins of Coventry Cathedral by the Bishop and was evidently impressed by the devastation he saw.

The rest of the tour, made by car, gave Mr Willkie an opportunity of seeing the effects of the indiscriminate bombing on the night of the big raid last November, including the destruction of historic buildings, business premises and dwelling houses.

At a press conference, Mr Willkie stated that the impression formed by his tour of Coventry led him to believe that the destruction described in American newspapers had not been exaggerated. He was greatly impressed by the high morale shown by the citizens and had seen no evidence of depressed spirits or of giving up.

He regarded the fact that the tower and spire of Coventry Cathedral had escaped destruction as being symbolic.

Tour of Birmingham

After his tour of Birmingham, Mr Willkie said that he had been impressed by the organisation of the so-called "shadow" factories.

Referring to the damage in Birmingham, Mr Willkie was surprised at its extent, "but the reconstruction I have seen put into operation is a perfect example of how a city can recover."

Mr Willkie added that without morale, courage and steadfastness, which he had seen everywhere, this reconstruction and recovery could not be done.

"I personally hope that America will give you such aid," he added, "that with steadfastness and courage you will shortly win through."

CHANNEL PORTS RAIDED

R.A.F. Pay Visits

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Docks at three Nazi invasion ports in occupied France—Boulogne, Ostend and Brest—were attacked by small forces of R.A.F. bombers last night and just before dawn to-day.

The Brest attack was made first by planes of the Coastal Command which yesterday continued in unfavourable weather in—patrols—and—reconnaissance flights over the occupied coastline.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command are continuously on the look-out for the first signs of any invasion movement.

Boulogne and Ostend were selected for to-day's pre-dawn raids.

Two Planes Missing

British fighters, accompanied once by bombers, made a number of daylight raids over Occupied France. Two planes are missing from the operations.

A few single German aircraft made the customary armed reconnaissance flights over the English coast to-day, following a night of no activity.

Nazi-Held Lines Swept

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—R. A. F. fighters are crossing the English Channel in several waves and, joined once by bombers, they have carried out offensive sweeps once again by daylight to-day over German-occupied territory.

These and other operations by single British bombers ended a 24-hour phase of R.A.F. action by day and night, which was limited by unfavourable weather but showed

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LATEST

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Italians Are Turned Back

Greek's New Positions

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—All enemy attempts to counter-attack have been definitely foiled, stated the Athens radio to-night.

Greek forces have steadily advanced and have taken up new lines and positions according to plan. These operations are beginning a new phase of the Greek advance across Albania.

The announcer continued: "The very considerable successes of our army in the sector of the front extending beyond Klisura have obliged General Cavellero, the Italian C.-in-C. to order a speedy evacuation of the Italian forces from this important area.

Striking Power Reduced

"Foreign observers express the view that any attempt on the part of the Italians to check the tide of Greek advance is doomed to failure because, after repeated disasters, their striking power has been very substantially reduced.

"The losses the Italian forces sustained during the latest counter-attack are estimated by these observers to be as high as 40 per cent. of their total effectives."

Londoners Sneer At Daylight Raiders And Proceed To Carry On

Despite the intensive operations of the Nazi Luftwaffe, the average person in Britain has six chances of dying from natural causes to one chance of dying by a bomb. In other words, the raids only increase the hazard of death over that in normal times by 16 per cent.

This is the estimation of Reuel S. Moore, "United Press" staff correspondent in London, who has been in every air raid since the Luftwaffe started their attacks on the capital.

In a private letter to a friend in Hongkong, Mr Moore said that despite the raid for every building down there are hundreds still up.

Talking about the reaction of the populace to air raids, Mr Moore says: "The folks here are not jittery. During the daytime when there is a raid on nobody gives a damn. They keep walking about and carrying on their business as usual. People sitting on park benches don't even budge. If

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Hitler Made This Picture Possible

Only Hitler and his murderous colleagues who rain death indiscriminately from the skies on innocent civilians could make this picture possible. It shows little English children, huddled together in a cellar, staring fearfully at the skies as the sound of the Nazi planes are heard overhead. These youngsters, are being cared for at the National Children's Orphanage in Hertfordshire, where, in the protection of deep underground shelters, they are reasonably safe from Hitler's total war.



Peace Talks In Tokyo

Thai And Indo-China Delegations

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Feb. 2 (UP).—It is officially announced that the Peace Mission will leave for Tokyo on February 5 aboard a Japanese plane.

An agreement is expected to be reached at Tokyo within two weeks.

Indo-China Delegation

SAIGON, Feb. 2 (UP).—It is officially announced that the Director of the Cabinet, M. Georges Gautier, will head the five-man Indo-China delegation for the peace negotiations at Tokyo; they will be leaving the middle of this week.

Vichy has appointed M. Rene Robin, head of the French Economic Mission at Tokyo and the French Ambassador, M. Charles Arsene-Henre to represent Vichy at Tokyo.

Admiral Decoux will be leaving for Hanoi about the middle of February.

Chen Chi-tang In Role Of Agriculture Chief

CHUNGKING, Feb. 1 (Central News).—A bumper harvest for the present year was forecast by General Chen Chi-tang, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, in a statement to the Press on increasing food production.

General Chen said that careful planning had been made in connection with the selection of the seeds of agricultural products, the use of fertilisers, insect prevention and control and conservancy projects. These measures are being carried out and are expected to yield good results.

S'HAI ELECTION IN APRIL

CHUNGKING, Feb. 2 (Central News).—A Shanghai message states that the Shanghai Municipal Council has fixed April 10 and 11 for this year's election of the Councillors.

With the approach of the date of election the Japanese are making preparations to renew their attempt to increase their representation on the Council.

Keen competition is expected but competent observers believe that the British and Americans will maintain their dominant position.

Nazis Over Libya

Long Range Bombers Used

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—The Axis High Commands report intervention by German bombers in the war in Libya, but British Headquarters in Cairo say that the concentration of British forces west of Derna is "proceeding smoothly" and that R.A.F. fighters, which maintained patrols over Libya yesterday, suffered no loss.

It is considered probable, writes "Reuter's" air correspondent, that German aircraft attempting to harass the British advance in Libya are long-range bombers operating direct from Sicily though it is possible for shorter range planes to take part after refuelling at Libyan aerodromes.

Soldiers, Police, & Civilians In Riots

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Wild scenes were witnessed in Johannesburg during the week-end when thousands of Police, civilians and soldiers were involved in serious riots.

Some 140 people, mostly soldiers, have been admitted to hospital up to the present.

Armoured cars toured the streets this morning but the city is now quiet. Hundreds of sightseers, however, congregated outside the offices of the "Vaderland"—General James Hertzog's newspaper—and the offices of "Transvaler," the Nationalist newspaper supporting the Republican policy. Both offices have been damaged.

The trouble originated on Friday night. Dr van Rensburg, former Free State administrator and now leader of the Ossewabrandwag, addressed a cultural meeting. The Ossewabrandwag is an organisation of an extreme Republican nature. Dr van Rensburg's meeting was not political and was generally orderly. Clashes, however, occurred in the streets when the meeting concluded. Soldiers and civilians were involved. Some of the latter were wearing beards which are favoured by members of the Ossewabrandwag.

Police Intervene

The Police intervened and the soldiers appeared to resent accepting

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Japanese Dilemma If America Enters War

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—The "Svenska" points out that any day President Roosevelt may decide to adopt a non-belligerent status to the west as well as to the east and that Japan has facilitated this by signing the Three Power Pact.

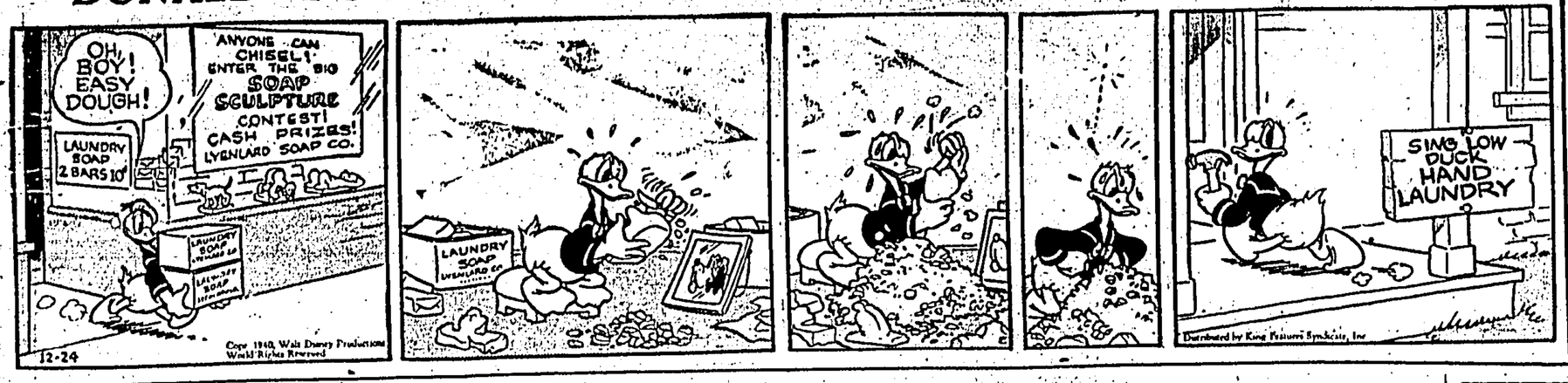
Japan's move was intended to frighten American electors from supporting President Roosevelt but it was a miscalculation and the Pact had the opposite effect, for it was used by Mr Roosevelt against its own instigators when he pointed out that freedom's enemies threatened America from the Pacific as well as the Atlantic.

Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister who started life as

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th to TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1941.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday says:

There were enquiries for the heavier investment stocks but no transactions took place. Business recorded was Watsons at $11.10, Hotels at $3.55 and Dairy Farms at $19.20

Buyers

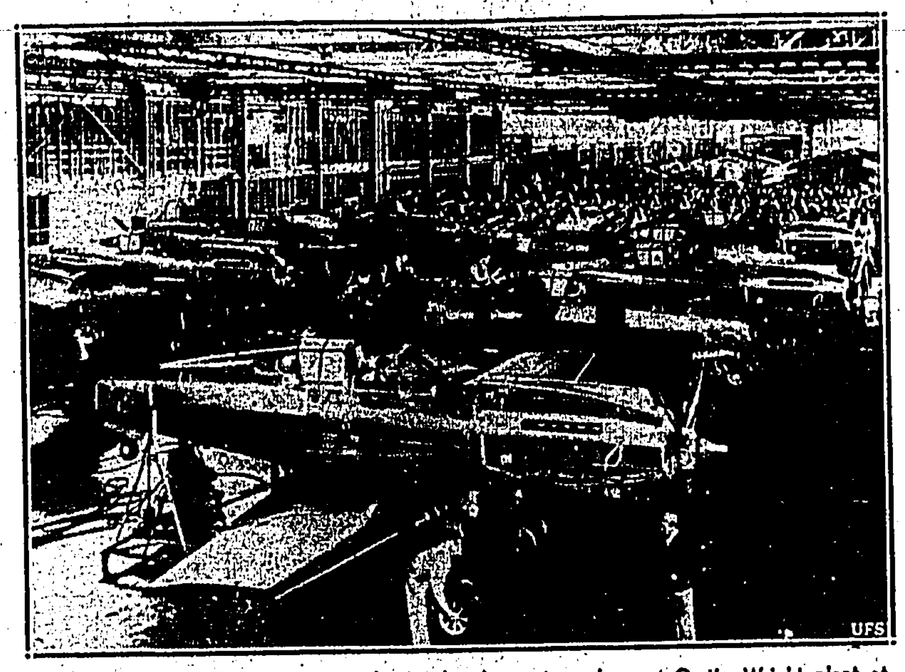
H.K. Banks $1,410
Canton Ins. $210
Union Ins. $410
H.K. Fire Ins. $165
Hotels $3.50
Electrics "O" $40.25
Electrics "N" $39.75
Telephones "O" $25.25
Ropes $8.80
Dairy Farms $19.20
Watsons $11.10
Entertainments $7.10
Constructions "O" $1.60

Sellers

Lands 4% Debentures $100
Star Ferries $62

Sales

Hotels $3.55
Dairy Farms $19.20
Wharves $98



FIGHTERS FOR BRITAIN—Mass production has been stepped up at Curtiss-Wright plant at Buffalo, N. Y., so that eight "Hawk" planes are turned out daily for delivery to Britain. Above is scene in plant.

LORD LLOYD ILL

London, Feb. 2.

It is stated that the condition of Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies, gives rise to some anxiety and he has been taken to a London nursing home for examination and treatment, under the supervision of Lord Horder.—*Reuter.*

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Harry Torrani (Yodeller) and Len Fillis and His Hawaiian Orch.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

1.13 The Regal Cinema Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Gershwin.

They Can't Take That Away From Me (film 'Shall we dance'); Soon (film 'Strike up the Band') Connie Boswell (Vocal) with Orchestra. An American In Paris, New Light Symphony Orchestra with George Gershwin. Lullaby (from 'Porgy and Bess') Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 "Swing" Music Dinah Shore (Vocal).

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.

7.30 Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra.

Le Plus Joli Reve (Arezzo); Evening Bells (Billi). Waltzes—In Tulip Land; The Flowers' Caress.

7.43 The Kentucky Minstrels.

She Wandered Down the Mountain Side (Clay), with Harp and Organ acc. Carry Me Back To Green Pastures (Pepper); Homing (Del Riego).

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.06 "Fats" Waller at the Organ.

8.15 London Relay—'Hi, Gang!'

9.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore".

9.55 Violin Solos by Temianka.

Romance No. 1, Op. 94 (Schumann); Romance No. 2, Op. 94 (Schumann); Scherzo Tarantelle (Wieniawski, Op. 16); Malaguena (Sarasate, Op. 21).

10.12 Rachmanioff—Symphony No. 2 in E Minor, Op. 27.

1st Mov: Largo-Allegro moderato, 2nd Mov: Allegro molto, 3rd Mov: Adagio, 4th Mov: Allegro vivace, Eugene Ormandy and the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

11.0 Close down.

Y'S MEN'S MEETING

TO BE ADDRESSED BY WOMAN PROFESSOR

Professor (Miss) Sin Yuk-ching, Professor of Chinese Literature at Lingnan University, will speak on "The True Meaning of a Superior Man" at the tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club at St Francis Hotel on Thursday. Ladies will be welcome at this meeting.

Mr Ho Shiu-que, President of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club, and Mrs Ho, gave a dinner party to members of the Club at their home, 14 Koon Ma Terrace, Happy Valley, on Saturday.

Dr A. F. Bryson For East River

Dr A. F. Bryson, British orthopaedic specialist, born in Tsangchow, Hopei, and educated at Cambridge, who runs the Red Cross Hospital in Kweiyang, is now in Hongkong and will be leaving for the East River area in Kwangtung early this week to open an orthopaedic centre there.

The surgical unit which the doctor intends to establish in the East River district will consist of two doctors, one Chinese and one foreign, and five nurses and dressers. In addition to treating wounded soldiers and civilians, the unit will also engage in anti-Malaria and other anti-epidemic work.

The Red Cross Hospital at Kweiyang consists of 600 beds and its main function is to train doctors and nurses,—of whom about 2,000 have already graduated. Of primitive construction and subject to frequent bombing by the Japanese, the work of the institution goes on under very difficult conditions.

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CIRCULAR TO DOCTORS

It is learned that the Colony's medical practitioners who are owners of cars have been asked by the Medical Authorities to furnish particulars, such as make of car, year of manufacture and horse-power, in a circular issued last week.

MARINER'S ESTATE

Estate in this Colony valued at $6,400 was left by the late Mr John Robinson, mariner, of Victoria, Australia, who died on August 1, 1939. An application for probate of the will has been granted to Mr R. A. Wadeson, the lawful attorney.

SINGAPORE PLANE

Singapore, Feb. 2.

The Singapore Turf Club is giving £20,000 for the purchase of a Tornado aeroplane, described here as the latest and most up-to-date aircraft used by the R.A.F.—*Reuter.*

POST OFFICE

The following increased postage rates for letters will be effective as from 1st February 1941.

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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Australia and Manila Feb. 3.
Canton Feb. 3.
Java and Manila Feb. 3.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 29th January Feb. 5.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai. (San Francisco date 17th January) Feb. 8.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 4th February, ...Feb. 11.
United-Kingdom and Straits Feb. 12.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 24th Jan.). Feb. 14.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 4 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 4, 1 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 4, 1.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 4, 1 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 4, 1.30 p.m.
Straits 2.30 p.m.
Canton 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Manila Macassar and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"
K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 5, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 5, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 5, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 5, 6 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and United-Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for United-Kingdom).
Note.—All Mails for United-Kingdom will be forwarded with or without superscription.
K.P.O.
Parcels Feb. 5, 4.00 p.m.
Reg. Feb. 5, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 5, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels Feb. 5, 4.00 p.m.
Reg. Feb. 5, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 5, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."
K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 5, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 5, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 5, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 5, 7.00 p.m.
Straits 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 6

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

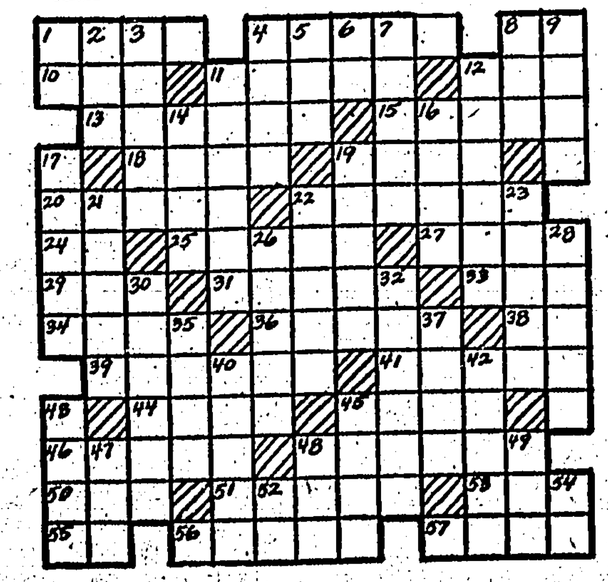
ACROSS

1—Everyone severally
4—Perhaps
8—Pennsylvania (abbr.)
10—College yell
11—Stream
12—Public house (English slang)
13—City in Wisconsin
15—Fat
18—Unusually stunted animal
19—Aquatic bird
20—Refers to specifically
22—People of good position
24—Forward!
25—Capital of Chosen
27—Dirt
28—Customs
31—Small food-fish
33—Justly claimable
34—Tear apart
36—Item of property
38—Unless sooner (Latin abbr.)
39—Pertaining to worthless person
41—Skin-disease
44—Member of ancient Peruvian race
45—Semicircular recess in church
46—One who measures by strides
48—Drained away
50—Product of combustion
51—Like old woman
53—Study-room
55—French article
56—Short gaiters
57—Beginner

DOWN

1—Exclamation of hesitation
2—River in Switzerland
3—Map
4—One of several aromatic herbs
5—Average (abbr.)
6—Nominative, second person plural
7—Color of faded leaves
8—Secretion in healing wounds
9—Second son of Adam
11—Grannes with water
12—Boy character in Booth Tarkington novel
14—Suggestions
16—Flying mammals
17—Scrub thoroughly
19—Finds market for
21—Insertion of page
23—Tentative opinion
25—Pertaining to youth
26—City in Nebraska
29—Indian tent
30—Make wealthy
32—Place of worship
35—Scandinavian
37—Hard job
40—Fight (slang)
42—Poverty-stricken
43—Kind of gum
45—Makes sick
47—Chemical suffix
48—Well-known technical school (abbr.)
49—The (German)
52—Sodium
54—Negative answer

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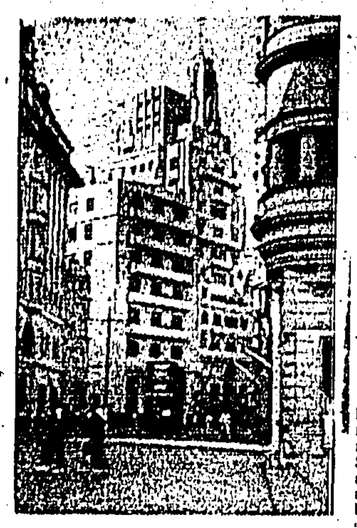
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Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees



Sunday

January 26

Burns Dinner. About 250 Scotsmen and guests attended the annual dinner held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel in commemoration of the poet Robert Burns.

References to the poet's attitude to war when the shadow of invasion darkened the Home Country in his own day were made by Professor W. Brown of Hongkong University when he proposed the toast of "The Immortal Memory." He discussed Burns as a man as well as a poet and dwelt upon his service to Freedom.

Amusing suggestions regarding Hitler's fear of invading Britain because of the lassies were made during the evening.

The dinner was served in traditional Scottish style with the Barley Bree and the Haggis and with the St Andrew's Society honorary pipers in attendance.

Mr B. Wylie, Chieftain of St Andrew's Society, presided, and with him at the principal table were Mr C. E. Terry (President of St Patrick's Society), Mr L. C. F. Bellamy (Vice-President of St George's Society), Dr G. D. R. Black (past Chieftain), Professor W. Brown, His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, the French Consul-General, M. L. Reynaud.

Others present included Sir David Owen, Commodore A. C. Collinson, Lieut Colonel D. J. MacDougall (Royal Scots), the Hon. Mr A. L. Shields, the Hon. Dr P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, the Hon. Mr C. G. Perdue and Lt Col H. B. Rose.

The company was piped into dinner and the haggis was piped to the Chieftain's table. The Chieftain took the Barley Bree and was followed by others at his table.

Temperature Falls. In contrast to the comparatively high temperature for January experienced last week, wintry winds were felt during Saturday and to-day, when the temperature fell over 20 degrees.

Yesterday's maximum temperature was 60 degrees, compared with a maximum of 77 degrees on Thursday. The minimum was 54 degrees, registered at 3 a.m.

Humidity was 84 per cent. to-day, compared with 90 per cent. on Thursday.

There was a slight drizzle to-night and the forecast is drizzle or light rain. The weather is expected to remain overcast.

Defence Services. Mr D. P. Legge has been appointed an acting Sub-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer force with effect from January 5.

Defence Reserve

The following persons have been reassigned from the General Group for Essential Services to the Combatant Group of the Hongkong Defence Reserve, viz:—Messrs Colin Cairns, D. G. Cairns, John Dickson, D. L. P. Edwards, Owen F. W. Hamilton, W. L. Morison and A. G. Parker.

Mr Samuel Randle has been reassigned from the Essential Services Group to the Key Posts Group, and Messrs Rupert Grimshaw and Joseph MacDonald have been granted permission to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve with effect from January 22.

Mr George Herbert Sullivan has been re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the General Group for Essential Services in the Defence Reserve.

Lawn Bowls Match. In a bowls match at Kowloon Bowling Green to-day, the Society of Yorkshiremen beat the Northumberland and Durham Society 80-65.

Col Holt, J. H. Bottomley, G. B. Foster, M. N. Rakusen (Yorkshiremen) beat J. W. Bertram, Dean Wilson, V. Ramsey, J. Fraser, 20-12.

A. G. Gratton, A. L. Fisher, C. F. Needham, A. Brooksbank lost to C. E. Turnin, E. Purves, C. Gowland, T. W. Carr 18-20.

P. Barry Parks, J. H. Shaw, L. Sykes, J. Meyer beat J. W. Humble, R. Radford, S. Hodge, T. Coleman 24-13.

A. R. Brown, H. H. Mundy, A. Jillot and J. Deakin beat D. Kossick, W. Hudson, J. Smith and J. MacGowan 24-20.

Monday

January 27

European Injured. While riding his motor-cycle on Castle Peak Road, near Laichikok Hospital, this afternoon Mr T. E. Jackson, Senior Surveyor of Ships, met with a nasty accident, as a result of which he is an inmate of Kowloon Hospital with body injuries. His condition is not serious, however, and it is expected that he will be able to leave in a few days.

It appears that the cycle skidded at a bend on the slippery road, throwing Mr Jackson heavily to the ground. The machine was damaged.

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments

What we need most are earplugs, not tunnels.

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Many a poor gold-fish will now be left to die in luxury

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As if there weren't enough cumsha these days, Abigail had to talk to us about tips on furniture.

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At the Chinese Fair some thought they'd bought valuable curios. The man who bought a junk, however, knew it.

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The Police system of red and black marks for conduct has been amended. But it still resembles a game of Put and Take.

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The price of chicken rose to $3 per lb. over the Spring Festival. Let's see now: how many lbs. in seven stone eleven?

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If Burns were with us to-day he could write some fine poetry. And what a speech he could make in proposing "The Immortal Memory"!

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Taipans in Shanghai have to wear bullet-proof waistcoats. Pity that no one has invented some method of imparting a stainless steel lining.

Medical Qualifications. Permission to suspend an offending medical practitioner, as a middle course of punishment, is included in a draft Medical Registration Amendment Ordinance published in the *Government Gazette*.

Section 11 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1935, is amended by the insertion of the words "and possesses an adequate knowledge of the English language, both spoken and written" after the words "is of good character."

Section 13 is amended by repeal of sub-section (1) and by substitution therefor of the following sub-section:

(1) If any registered practitioner is convicted of any offence or after due inquiry is judged by the Medical Board to have been guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, the Medical Board shall have power to make any such order as to removing from or striking off the register the name of the registered practitioner convicted of such offence or judged guilty of such conduct as aforesaid, as to suspending him from practice, as to censure, as to the payment of costs by any party attending the inquiry, and otherwise in relation to the case as the Medical Board may think fit.

The following sub-sections are added after sub-section (6) at the end thereof:

(7) The Medical Board may, if it thinks fit, at any time direct that the name of a registered practitioner whose name has been removed from or struck off the register be placed thereon.

(8) The notice of any decision and any order or direction made by the Medical Board as aforesaid shall be signed by the Secretary of the Medical Board and may be filed with the Registrar of the Supreme Court and when so filed shall be enforceable in the same manner as a judgment or order of the Supreme Court to the like effect.

The Principal Ordinance lists four classes of technically qualified medical or surgical practitioners who are entitled to be registered, provided that they prove to the satisfaction of the Medical Board that they are of good character. Clause 2 of this Bill adds to that proviso the further requirement that they possess an adequate knowledge of the English language both spoken and written.

It is explained that such a requirement appears particularly necessary in view of the fact that some of them have obtained their degrees, diplomas or licenses in medicine and surgery in medical schools abroad where no knowledge of the English language is necessary. Moreover an amendment of this nature is recommended by the Medical Board, who have found in a number of disciplinary inquiries recently held by them that the practitioner concerned had no knowledge whatsoever of the English language and pleaded this fact in extenuation for the breach of regulations and for the disregard of warning notices sent by the Medical Department.

The principal Ordinance also provides that if any registered practitioner is convicted of any offence or after due inquiry is considered by the Medical Board to have been guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, the Medical Board may either censure the said registered practitioner or direct that his name be struck off the register. The Medical Board have pointed out that in recent inquiries the fact that the Board was restricted to either awarding the drastic punishment of striking off or the lenient punishment of censure had been a matter for comment; and the Board is of opinion that they would have been in a much better position to deal with some of these cases if there had been a middle course open to them.

The Board recommends that they shall be given power to suspend a registered practitioner convicted of an offence or guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect, and also to order costs to be paid by parties attending the inquiries, and that provision be made for such orders to be enforced in the Supreme Court in the same manner as judgments or orders of the Court to the like effect.

Tuesday

January 28

Death of Mrs Rose Carrol. The death occurred at her home, No. 13 Bowen Road, of Mrs Rose Carroll, mother of a family well-known in Hongkong and the Far East. Death was due to bronchial pneumonia. She had been a resident of Hongkong for 54 years.

Mrs Carroll nee Rosinada, was born of Spanish parents in Santiago, Cuba, in 1861. Her voyage to the Far East at the age of ten was marked by tragedy. The family was travelling on the paddle steamer "America" and while at anchor in Yokohama the ship caught fire. The girl and her brother were rescued but their father was drowned.

Mrs Carroll was the wife of John Carroll of Co. Cork, Ireland, who died in London in 1910. Her husband was one of three brothers who founded the first shipyard in Yokohama about 70 years ago. The brothers owned a fleet of schooners which traded with Siberia in furs and seal skins.

She leaves two sons, Messrs W. J. and A. H. Carroll, in Hongkong. One of her two daughters, Mrs Mary Carroll-Smith, is now in San Francisco, and the other, Mrs D. Rapp, in London.

There was a large gathering at the funeral, which was held in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, this afternoon. A choral service, conducted by the Rev. Fr A. Rigatti, assisted by the Rev. Frs J. M. Spada and A. Grampa, was held in the Chapel, but interment did not take place, as the vault which is being constructed is not completed.

Mr A. H. Carroll arrived back in Hongkong by steamer from Singapore shortly before the funeral was held.

The chief mourners were Messrs W. J. and A. H. Carroll (sons) and Mr R. A. Carroll (grand-son).

Those present included Messrs E. Abraham, R. Abraham, F. W. Stapleton, P. Pester, Seu Kon-chi, Lo Kin-fai, F. P. Lenfestey, G. A. Harriman, F. X. d'Almada, G. A. Walker, Mr and Mrs R. Pestonji, Mrs E. Fidoe, Mrs Fisher, Miss Braga, Dr and Mrs V. N. Atienza, Dr E. L. de Sousa, Mr and Mrs K. Shibata, Messrs S. H. Joseph, D. Passmore, W. J. O'Neill, A. V. Gosano, W. Goldenberg, H. A. Lammert, Kishimoto, K. Ikuta, S. Tanaka, J. Matsumoto, T. Eto, R. S. Capell, E. P. H. White, F. Grose, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, N. Leonard, B. I. Bickford, T. Yamada, Miss G. Bowen, Mrs. M. Hun, and several Canossian Sisters.

Wreaths from members of the family and Betty (Mrs Fidoe) were laid on top of the casket.

Other wreaths were sent by Tony and Alice, Kitty and Kenneth, Ruth, Arthur, Roy and Donald, May Anderson, C. F. Liang, Jeannette Fisher, Mr and Mrs J. J. Edgar, Wong Yan, A. R. H. Ismail, M. Namazee, C. H. Liang, C. T. Chang, R. A. Dastur, Dr and Mrs V. N. Atienza, Mr Ho Wing, George Lee, M. Taketo, Mr and Mrs S. H. Joseph and H. B. Joseph, Mr and Mrs A. O. Hyland, Allison Fisher, Mrs Capell and family, Mr Y. Kondo, Miss K. K. Lau, Miss Gue, K. Shibata, Mr T. Yamada, Mrs A. White, Margie and Pat, Mrs C. Leonard and family, Mrs A. Hopwar, Mr and Mrs J. F. Grose and family, Freddie Lenfestey, Mrs Bunker and family, Mrs E. Neves and family, Mr and Mrs G. A. Harriman, Mrs M. F. O'Sullivan and family, Ng Sze-kwong, Dr and Mrs Ernest To, Mr and Mrs C. A. Yolle and family, Cheng-to, Mr and Mrs F. W. Stapleton, F. E. Nash, Dr and Mrs Gourdin, Miss D. Cox, Li Wai-san, Mr and Mrs C. E. Bok, Office Boy Yim Kip-wong, J. Matsumoto, Ah Ngan, Tao Woon, Ng Chi and Tam Hon, Messrs Lo Kim Fai and Company, Committee and members of the Sports Club, Yeung Yau and Company, H. K. Sharebrokers' Association, Nozaki Bros: Hongkong Nippo, Toshihiko and Eto and Chon Po Min and Company.

New Air Service. A new air service—an extension of the existing Hongkong-Chungking-Lashio route—to Calcutta, will be started as soon as negotiations are completed between the governments of China and India, declared Mr W. L. Bond, Vice-President of the China National Aviation Corporation, in a Press interview to-day.

Mr Bond returned to Hongkong on Sunday from a survey trip to India where he stopped at Delhi and Calcutta.

The service will be a weekly one, and the fare will be about the same as that from Hongkong to Rangoon via Chungking. The flight from Hongkong and Calcutta is expected to take 13 hours.

Holiday Cricket. In a two-day cricket match at Chater Road on Monday and to-day, Hongkong Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by six wickets, after being 28 runs in arrears with three wickets in hand at the end of the first day's play.

Kowloon opened play on Monday and knocked up 185, E. C. Fincher (78) and N. A. E. Mackay (62) being top scorers. They made a disastrous start and lost their opening batsmen, Anderson and Hung for only four.

Hongkong had scored 157 for seven at stumps. When play was resumed to-day Hongkong added another 21.

Kowloon fared badly in the second innings and scored only 148. Owen Hughes and Knight laid the foundation for Club's victory contributing 44 and 70, respectively.

Attaboy Shield. Fourteen rinks participated in the annual Bowls competition for the Attaboy Shield, between members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, on Chinese New Year's Day.

The match resulted in W. S. Drake's rink (R. P. Phillips, J. Hurst, J. C. Gill) winning by 35 shots. A. J. Hall's rink (G. Elphick, A. J. Rogers and L. Sykes) were runners-up, being 18 shots up.

Review Of The Principal Topics January 26 To Feb. 1

Wednesday

January 29

Mr. A. D. Brankston Dies. The death occurred at the Queen Mary Hospital to-day after a long illness of Mr A. D. (Archie) Brankston, former surveyor of the Shing Mun Dam and an expert on Chinese art.

Mr Brankston was the son of Mr A. B. Brankston, formerly Managing Director of the New Engineering Co. of Shanghai. He was educated at Brighton College, England, and afterwards at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, where he took the London University degree in civil engineering. He returned to the Far East in 1930, where he worked as a surveyor on the Shing Mun Dam.

During his student days Mr Brankston developed a keen interest in Chinese art and spent all his spare time in the museums and among the private collections. He was a personal friend of the late Mr George Eumorfopoulos, and of Sir Percival David. It was natural, therefore, that on his return to England in 1935, he should be asked to help in cataloguing the art treasures for the Chinese Exhibition. After that very successful exhibition was closed he spent some time helping to catalogue Sir Percival David's collection at the Dorchester. Afterwards he was given a travelling fellowship by the Universities' China Committee which took him to India and to China for a further study of art and archaeology in India and China. Sir Percival David, himself an expert, relied implicitly on his judgment in making purchases in Peiping.

"Bob" Hall Retires. Mr. Robert Hall, Surveyor of Ships, Harbour Master's Department, will be leaving the Colony on retirement to-day, after having been in Hongkong Government for 35 years.

Mr Hall arrived in the Colony in 1905, when he joined Holt's Wharf. He entered the Government Service in 1912 and was appointed acting first assistant Government Marine Surveyor in 1915. He resigned in 1917 to become Marine Superintendent for the Canadian Pacific Railways, but rejoined the Government in 1920.

Mr Hall has also been consulting engineer for the Fire Brigade Department. He intends to join his family who are at present in England.

Gains Varsity Colours. News has been received in the Colony by his father that William ("Bill") Pryde, youngest son of Mr Walter Pryde, of the Public Works Department, who was a Peace Memorial Scholarship winner, has been awarded his soccer colours at Cambridge.

Anti-Sabotage Guards. In connection with His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government's appeal of January 9 for volunteers to provide anti-sabotage guards on board ships in Hongkong Harbour, the following additional information may assist employers and those who are in some doubt as to whether they should volunteer for this duty. It is issued by the Colonial Secretary.

Guards will only be required during the continuance of the Colony's present situation, and the scheme will cease to function should the Colony be directly involved in war.

No fear need be entertained that the time of guards who are detailed for duty will be wasted in waiting for the ship to which they are allotted, since it will be possible to arrange for them to return to their offices provided they can be communicated with by telephone at short notice.

The 12-hour duty period will not entail spending 12 hours continuously on guard, which would, in the case of night duty, impair the efficiency of the guards in their normal employment on the following day. It is anticipated that out of three guards, one will be on duty, one standing by and one off duty at any given time if the ship is working cargo. It will be appreciated that each person will be on full duty for only one third of the 12-hour period.

Thursday

January 30

Rev. A.P. Rose Marries. St John's Cathedral was the scene of a pretty wedding to-day when the Assistant Chaplain of the Cathedral, the Rev. Alaric Pearson Rose, M.A. (Oxon), married Miss Mary Beatrice Wansey, nursing sister of Queen Mary Hospital. Officiating were the Rt Rev. R. O. Hall (Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong), the Rt Rev. S. T. Mok (Bishop of Canton), and the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson (Dean of Hongkong). The service was fully choral.

THE BRIDE is the only daughter of the late Rev and Mrs H. R. Wansey, of Nikko, Japan. Her father was formerly Vicar of Bishopshowe, Wilts.

The bridegroom is the eldest son of the Rev. A. C. Rose (recently Vicar of Greatham, Co. Durham) and Mrs Rose. He was at Oxford from 1928 to 1933 (at St. Edmond Hall and Ripa Hall), then he became Curate of Oateshead Parish Church until 1938, when he was appointed Assistant Chaplain of St John's Cathedral, Hongkong.

A gown of English crepe Camilla, cut on princess lines of classic simplicity, with high neckline and long sleeves, was worn by the bride. Her embroidered veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms, while pink and white carnations composed her bouquet.

The bridesmaid, Miss Jane Hansey, nursing sister of Queen Mary Hospital, wore a frock of old-gold moire taffeta, with an over-dress of silk net, cut with a graceful bouffant skirt. The bodice was trimmed with nigger brown velvet. She also wore an old-gold sequin headdress and carried a bouquet of marigolds.

The Rev Charles Strong, R.N., Dockyard Chaplain, gave the bride away, and the Rev H. D. Rosenthall, Vicar of Christ Church, Kowloon Tong undertook the duties of best man. Mr J. R. M. Smith was at the organ.

The reception was held at the Church Guest House, Bishop's House. Later Mrs Rose changed into a two-piece suit of powder-blue angora, with which she wore navy-blue accessories.

New Puisne Judge. The appointment of Mr Paul Ewart Francis Cressall as Puisne Judge, succeeding the late Mr Justice R. E. Lindsell, was announced by the Colonial Secretariat to-night in a communique, which added that leave for Mr Cressall to South Africa en route for Hongkong was under consideration.

Mr Cressall is one of the four British Presidents of the District Court, Palestine.

Born in 1893, Mr Cressall was educated at Cranleigh School and entered the civil service in 1911 when he was posted to British Guiana and attached to the Police. On the outbreak of the war he was a lieutenant in the British Guiana Militia Infantry and served as captain with the British West Indies Regiment in East Africa and Palestine from 1915 to 1919, being awarded the Military Cross.

Returning to British Guiana after the hostilities he was again attached to the Police and, passing his final law examination in 1921 was called to the bar at Gray's Inn in 1923. After various positions in the police and judicial departments of the Colony, he eventually rose to be chief stipendiary magistrate, in which post he acted as chairman of several Royal Commissions.

Mr Cressall went to Palestine as senior British Magistrate in 1931 and was appointed to the District Court in 1933.

Friday

January 31

Black-out Practice. Another black-out practice, which may possibly last three days, will be held on February 26, said Wing Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, at a Press conference to-day.

Wing-Comdr. Steele-Perkins added that Government had decreed that the maximum time for a black-out practice be limited to three days, but whether it would be extended to the whole of this period would depend on the co-operation of the public. In other words, if in the opinion of the authorities the practice on the first night was successful it might be called off for the remaining two days.

As in previous practices, the black-out on February 26 would automatically commence at sunset and extend throughout the night. There would be A.R.P. exercises by day and by night, and the question of whether the maximum period allowed by Government would be made use of is dependent on the success or failure of the first night.

Sudden Cold Snap. Hongkong experienced a sudden cold snap to-day, there being a drop of ten degrees in temperature compared with the maximum figure of the previous day.

The maximum temperature from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to-day was 54 degrees, and the minimum 48 degrees, as against 64 and 48 respectively on Thursday, 70 and 58 on Wednesday, and 77 and 64 on Tuesday.

The minimum temperature of 48 degrees recorded both on Thursday night and early this morning was the lowest of the year, so far. There was a drizzle throughout this morning, but in spite of that the temperature rose to 50 degrees at 10 a.m., and with the weather clearing up later in the day there was a further improvement, the figure at 4 p.m. being 53.

The coldest spell last year was experienced in February, when 42.7 degrees was registered. The lowest ever recorded in the Colony occurred in 1893, when 32 degrees (freezing point) was reached.

B.W.O.F. Ball. The Rose Room and Annexe of the Peninsula Hotel presented a gay scene to-night, when the Executive Committee of the British War Organisation Fund held a ball, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton.

Two orchestras were in attendance, Art Carneiro and his Band, and the Dance Band of the 2nd Bn The Royal Scots (by kind permission of Lieut-Col. D. J. McDougall, M.C., and Officers). Those who did not have partners of their own were nevertheless able to dance, since there were 50 charming hostesses to help entertain the guests.

Cabaret items added to the delight of the evening. There was Mr Y. K. Sze, the popular Bass, who sang several numbers from his extensive repertoire, accompanied by Mr E. O'Neil Shaw, while dances and novelty turns were contributed by Herbert Tong and His Girl Friends (Gloria Yee and Dora Chow), The Wanchai Brothers, Nellie Field (whose Spanish Dance was much appreciated), Elsie Soong's Kittens (Barbara, Donald and Gerald Soong), Irene Arteuh, in a Russian dance, and members of the Mobile Nursing Detachment of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps (who presented a Tyrollenne Dance).

In addition to a competition, prizes were won by holders of lucky numbered tickets.

Saturday

February 1

Football Results. Both shield and league football was played in Hongkong to-day, with the following results:

Senior Shield First Round

South China	6	Club	1
Sing Tao	1	Middlesex	0
Kwong Wah	2	Kowloon	0
Eastern	3	Combined R.A.	0

Junior Shield First Round

Chinese A.S.C.	1	South China	6
Sing Tao B	1	Kit Chee	0
Kwong Wah	1	International	4
R.A.M.C.	3	Police	4
Engineers	1	36th R.A.	2
30th R.A.	2	Royal Signals	2
R.A.S.C.	1	24th R.A.	0
Eastern	*	Royal Navy	*

First Division

Royal Navy	1	Police	2

Second Division

Club	1	R.A.O.C.	0

Third Division

R.A.F.	2	35th R.A.	2

* Postponed.

World Cruise From Hongkong. A world cruise has been planned for the 57 ft brigantine now being completed at Tam Tsz's shipyard in Hongkong, for Sr A. Carmelo, the Mexican Consul in Manila.

The two men who will take the brigantine round the world, Colonel J. Calvo, Philippine Army Reserve and Sr Arnaiz, a reserve Air Force officer in the Philippines, will arrive in the Colony this week. They flew a plane from Manila to Madrid some years ago.

The brigantine "Nuestra Senora de la Paz" (Our Lady of Peace) which has been built under the supervision of Mr E. S. Moses will be completed this month.

Prominent Resident Dies. The funeral service of the late Mr J. G. Ozorio, of Kowloon Docks, who died at St Teresa's Hospital to-day was held at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, and was attended by a large gathering.

Rev. Father H. Angelis officiated, assisted by Rev. Father Byrne and Rev. Father F. R. Noval. After a short service at the Cemetery Chapel, the casket was taken to the graveside, and again removed to the Chapel for the night, before interment in the family vault to-day. Two sheafs of flowers, one from the widow-and-the other from the children, were placed on the coffin.

The late Mr Ozorio, who was 51 years old at the time of his death, was first employed by Sir Paul Chater, on leaving school, and later joined the Kowloon Docks, where he was employed up to the time of his death. An active sportsman, Mr Ozorio was a prominent member of several of the Colony's clubs and was well-known as a lawn bowls player.

Apparently in good health, he had dinner with his son, Dr H. L. Ozorio, on Friday, but shortly after that had a stroke and died the following afternoon at St Teresa's Hospital.

He leaves behind a widow, seven sons, Francis, Albert, Joseph, Hornito, Manuel, Pipino, and Henry, and a daughter Miss Helene Ozorio, two uncles and two aunts.



Group taken after the wedding at St John's Cathedral of the Rev. A. P. Rose, Assistant Chaplain of the Cathedral, and Miss Mary Beatrice) Wansey.—*Ming Yuen.*



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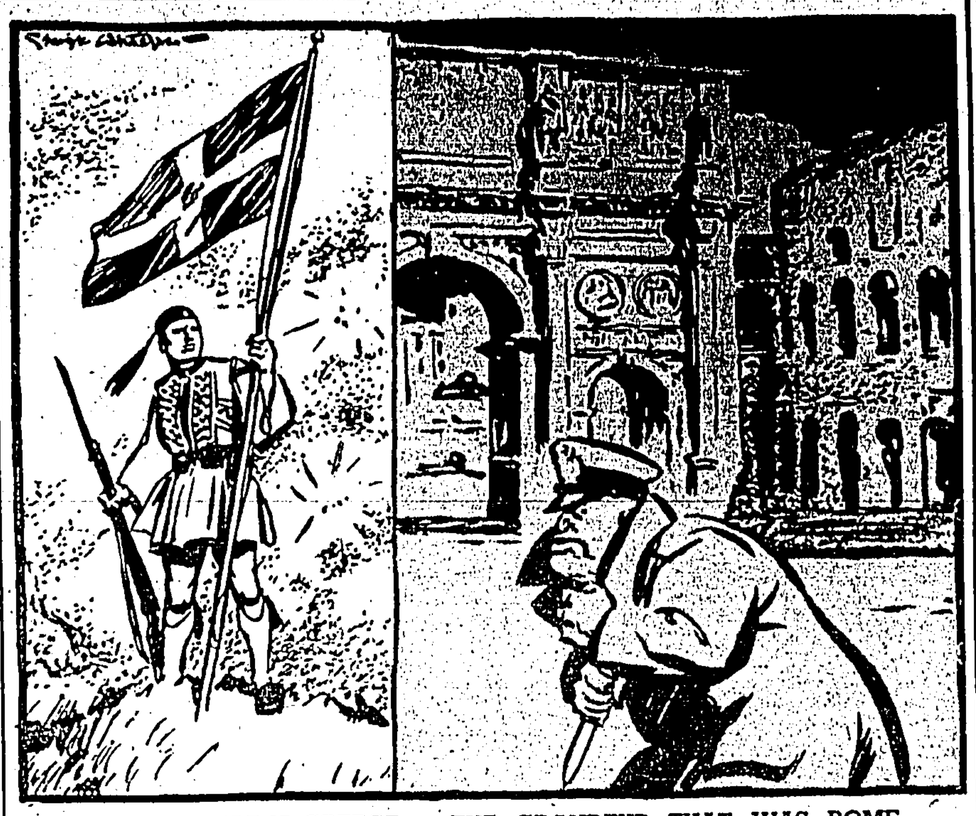
THE farcical little war between Indo-China and Thailand has been played out and now the real significance of the affair will crystallise in the peace negotiations which are to take place in Tokyo. The ease with which the Japanese brought about a cessation of hostilities does not allay apprehension. Rather, it confirms the views of those who have thought from the beginning that the most powerful nation in the Far East fomented those waters the more easily to fish in them, and the fact that the French delegates will go to Tokyo, where Hitler's henchmen have almost unbounded influence in the councils of their Axis partner, opens up disturbing visions of what the ultimate terms will yield.

It is now known that the Thailanders occupied a substantial part of Cambodia and some part of Laos and though the armies have, or will be, withdrawn six miles from their fighting fronts, the aggressor country, Thailand, will still be in possession of part of the territory claimed. It is worthy of note that Bangkok first laid claim to a few islands in the Mekong River and it seems extraordinary that national resurgence could from this small beginning raise such a mighty and sudden clamour for the greater part of Laos and Cambodia without very definite inspiration backed up by promises of solid support. Japan has laid great emphasis on the nationalistic spirit that was thus mysteriously called into being and has placed it like a halo round the heads of the Thailanders—an emphasis that is incongruous when compared with China's great struggle for existence, but which harmonises almost perfectly with the Hitlerian precepts for the domination of small countries in Europe and the foundation of strategic points.

The French are in a dilemma; they have to assuage the Thailanders whose bellicosity now no longer needs inspiration because of the success it has experienced; they have to concede to the Japanese as much as they can without losing all sovereignty; they would like to appease the Chinese who consider them faint-hearted neighbours of little worth; they would like to resume "normal" trade relations with the British with whom they have a common if weakening bond.

It is interesting to speculate that while French overseas possessions are still secure from Hitler and while the Japanese are still obedient to Berlin, French Indo-China will probably remain itself, artificial though its status may be. Once it falls the rest of the French Empire will realise that it is time only and not Armistice conditions, that keeps them from Axis rule and they will then throw in their lot wholeheartedly with the Allies, instead of withholding support at the behest of a Vichy Government which will have lost its most potent weapon. It is probable that Syria and Algeria are saving Indo-China to-day. Hitler cannot afford to face a united Arabic world which would back up Turkey and Greece and kindle a new flame even through the Balkans.

The Peace Conference at Tokyo may hold unpleasant things for us—for instance the occupation by Japanese forces of a "disputed area" opposite Malaya—but for French Indo-China it is a dilemma which the Japanese will solve for them.



THE GLORY THAT IS GREECE——THE GRANDEUR THAT WAS ROME

Blacking-Out Foreign Correspondents

By William Henry Chamberlin

THESE are hard days for the foreign correspondent. Not so much because his work takes him where people are being bombed or torpedoed, but rather because it has become impossible or extremely difficult to practice his trade over a large and increasing part of the world.

Side by side with the physical black-out that darkens the streets of the cities and large towns of the belligerent countries there is an ever-growing black-out of independent news reporting which finds expression in various forms: censorship, intimidation, expulsion and, most effective of all, cutting off news at the source.

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Independent reporting has altogether ceased in the Soviet Union and Western Europe which are under Soviet and German military occupation. The foreign correspondent leads an increasingly harassed and restricted existence in Japan. In unoccupied France he is subject to the double control of the French censorship and of the pressure which Germany constantly applies to the Vichy regime to permit no action or expression of opinion which could be construed as unfriendly to the Third Reich. Censorship is severe even in countries where administrative independence has been maintained, as in Switzerland, Spain, and the Balkans.

Curiously enough, Berlin, after the outbreak of the war, was in one way a freer news centre than was Paris. Germany dispensed with the preliminary censorship of messages which was imposed in France from the beginning of hostilities. But a Damocles sword of expulsion hung over the head of the newspaperman who made what the Nazi authorities considered an indiscreet use of his freedom.

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In Italy, where the roll of expelled foreign correspondents is a long one, the unfortunate journalist gets the worst of both the French and the German systems. His messages are censored; but censorship is no guaranty of immunity from later discipline.

This growing black-out of the independent foreign news reporter is important because it means a steady contraction of the news sources on which public opinion is based. How many first-hand news stories come out of Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Copenhagen, Warsaw, and Prague in these days? Has the reader the least opportunity to know what has happened in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Eastern Poland, and Bessarabia since these regions passed under the control of the Soviets?

For that matter, has anyone during recent years been able to get independent first-hand testimony as to the working out of the experiment in collective farming in Russia, or as to what military and industrial undertakings have been started in Eastern Siberia, or as to how Soviet nationality policy is being applied in the non-Russian regions of the Soviet Union? How many foreigners have been allowed to visit those parts of China where the Soviet writ counts for more than the Chinese, such as Outer Mongolia and Sinkiang, or Chinese Turkestan?

I know from experience journalistic working conditions in three countries, the Soviet Union, Japan, and France; in all three the deterioration during the last year has been little short of catastrophic. The life of the foreign newspaperman in Russia, with one brief interlude, has always been a struggle with the censor.

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During the first years of my Moscow assignment, from 1922 until 1928, the censorship was comparatively mild, in the light of later developments, although it was more severe than any which existed in other European countries, most of which at that time were free from censorship. Restrictions on foreign correspondents became more severe as conditions in the Soviet Union deteriorated, from 1929 until 1933. The great famine of 1932-33 was almost completely concealed from the knowledge of the outside world. Correspondents were forbidden to visit the stricken regions of Ukraina and the North Caucasus and the word famine could not be cabled from Moscow.

The author is a veteran newspaperman who has represented the "Christian Science Monitor" in Russia, Japan and France. In this article, he gives you his honest views about censors and censorship.

One could only use such comparatively mild expressions as hardship, malnutrition, etc., which did not convey any adequate information about the situation. The same euphemistic gloss was imposed as regards the process officially called the "liquidation of the kulaks as a class," which meant that about 1,000,000 of the more well-to-do peasants were driven from their homes, often in the fierce cold of the Russian winter and, in many instances, deported to places in the Arctic wilderness, with the inevitable accompanying loss of life, especially among women, children, and elderly men.

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Censorship restrictions were somewhat relaxed after 1934, when the worst of the Five-Year Plan atrocities were over. But the ruthless purges of the Communist Party, which began in 1935 and lasted until 1938, cut the foreign journalist in Moscow off from all his formerly precarious news sources. The most dangerous offence for Russians, Communists, and non-Communists alike was association with foreigners. The Russians took the hint; and the foreign correspondents were left isolated, just like the diplomats in Moscow.

From the standpoint of the intelligent censor, this isolation was more effective than the most extensive use of the blue pencil. A story that a correspondent knows does usually get out somehow, even if the journalist is unable to send it directly under his own name. But the correspondent cannot send what he does not know, and he cannot know very much about a country all of whose citizens are terrorised against coming into contact with him.

This state of isolation from first-hand Russian contacts greatly reduced the value of the formal abolition of the censorship which was announced when Vyacheslaff Molotoff took over the portfolio of Foreign Affairs from Maxim Litvinoff in May, 1939. However, this abolition of censorship did not last long. Since Jan. 1, 1940, censorship has been reintroduced with unprecedented rigour. The last newspaper correspondent remaining in Russia left his post a few weeks ago with a a long dossier of stories which he had not been allowed to send, most of them based on material in the Soviet press, which is itself completely under government control. A situation had been reached where more information could be obtained from the Soviet newspapers than from the messages of correspondents in Moscow.

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One's reaction to Japan's way with the foreign press depended, as I came to realise, upon whether one came to Tokyo from New York or from Moscow. Colleagues fresh from America chafed and fumed over the difficulties of obtaining real news in Tokyo, the evasions and procrastinations of government officials, the secrecy that shrouded some affairs of state.

Coming from the Soviet Union, on the other hand, I felt that Japan could almost be considered a liberal country. Censorship was sporadic, not continuous; the Japanese press, by Moscow standards, enjoyed a good deal of freedom, even if it was distressingly inaccurate; one could meet critically minded Japanese without fearing for the consequences to them, as one certainly could not meet Russians suspected of being out of sympathy with the Soviet order.

One could travel freely not only in Japan, but in Korea and Manchukuo and in some parts of China which were under Japanese military occupation. The police, to be sure, were exasperatingly numerous and inquisitive as soon as one got off the main travelled routes; but I journeyed from one end of the Japanese Empire to another without experiencing anything more serious than an occasional shortness of temper.

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Recently, however, there has been abundant indication that the foreign newspaperman in Japan is having a pretty hard row to hoe. It was a shock last August to read that James Cox, veteran Reuter correspondent in Tokyo, had passed away while in the custody of the Japanese police. Accompanying circumstances have made the official explanation—suicide—seem doubtful to some experienced observers.

Cox, a serious, hard-working newspaperman, had been arrested on a charge of espionage, and the definition in Japan has now become so sweeping and so vague that almost any normal subject of journalistic investigation could come under this head. I know of a Japanese employee in a foreign consulate in Japan who was sentenced to three years of imprisonment because he made a conjectural estimate as to the number of automobiles in a certain part of the Japanese Empire. One statistical bit of information after another has been suppressed since the beginning of the war in China, until the picture of Japan's economy which can be drawn up rests even more on guesswork and less on ascertainable facts and figures than was the case three or four years ago.

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The four months before the outbreak of the war which I spent in France represented my first experience in a foreign country without the restraining hand of a visible or invisible censor, although, in justice to Japan, I must say that deletions from my Tokyo dispatches were few and unimportant. This unaccustomed freedom disappeared as soon as the war began. A huge hotel in the centre of Paris was taken over by the ever-increasing horde of censors. There were special censorship departments for military affairs, for foreign affairs, for finance and economics, for French politics; and what one censor spared might be blacked out by another. The large white spaces which began to appear in French newspapers was a testimony to the activity of the news control.

To deal with the French wartime censorship was exasperating, but it was also instructive. Over the whole institution, which was constantly extending its ramifications, there brooded an atmosphere of smothering bureaucratism. There was never any idea of making a constructive use of the foreign correspondents, almost all of whom were sympathetic with France; petty pinpricks and delays were habitual and some of the deletions from messages, especially those sent from the front, were almost incredibly pointless.

I remember one message in which a compliment which I had paid to the French authorities for permitting the Alsatians to use their own language in newspapers, churches, and public signs, instead of enforcing the use of French, was crossed out. A colleague had the similarly curious experience of seeing a story which he had written about Strasbourg, with references to the fact that the Marseillaise was written there, cut to ribbons, for no sane political or military reason whatever, by some capricious censor.

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It has become still more difficult to cover France since the collapse and the division of the country into occupied and unoccupied zones. Paris, once the coveted post of the continental correspondent, is to-day little more productive of news than Prague or Warsaw. It is under the heel of German military occupation; and the few stories which are sent from Paris must pass through Berlin and can only be sent by correspondents who are accredited to Germany. There are almost equally great disadvantages in writing news from Vichy, where the shadowy government is afraid to let pass anything which might offend Germany. Moreover, conditions of travel are so difficult that it is almost impossible to check up on conditions by making trips to Marseilles, Lyons, Toulouse, and other towns of the unoccupied area. If present conditions remain substantially unchanged, France, once perhaps the best-known European country to Americans, may become a mysterious, almost a dark land.

SCOUT JOINS UP

THIS is a true dog story.
Scout is a large Airedale, a most handsome dog, but although he is several years old he has not the Airedale instinct of guarding his home and his people. No, he seems to like men best, especially soldiers.

Lately he has distressed his mistress by leaving her for days on end, then turning up too exhausted to do anything but sleep.

But now at last she has found out what has been puzzling her—where he goes. He disappeared for almost a week the other day, and she had at last decided that he must be dead. But strange reports began to reach her. "Oh, Mrs X, I thought I saw Scout. What, you've lost him? Well, there he was marching along as pleased as Punch, keeping time and everything with the soldiers! He did look well, the same colouring and everything."

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Or, "I saw Scout at the Town Hall. He was walking up and down with the sentry!" Or, "I saw Scout at the Town Hall; he came and spoke to me, then a couple of soldiers went in and whistled for him—he was off like a shot."

She had decided to go down herself to the Town Hall and give the dog's licence to the soldiers. But one night she had a visitor with the errant dog attached to a leash.

"Here he is," gasped her visitor proudly. "I got him at the Town Hall. He was sitting beside the soldier on duty. I just said that I knew the person to whom he belonged. He said, 'Well, he won't leave us. We've fed him well and to-night he's had a bath!'"

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Sure enough Scout had an aroma of scented soap.

So now Scout is recovering from his marching, sleeping on the rug in front of the fire, until the urge to go comes. Then my friend has no doubt where he will be, and she says she is going to tell them they can keep him.

Jean Thornton

Antonescu Holds Axis Leaders Up As Ideals

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—The band of rebel Iron Guards who massacred 92 people in the Forest of Jalava near Bucharest on January 21 have been arrested, says a Bucharest despatch. They will appear before a military tribunal.

An official communique issued in Bucharest to-day states that all is quiet in the country. The authorities, it adds, are still seeking out and arresting "those responsible for the trouble."

A large quantity of materials and merchandise stolen by the rebels has been seized.

"In future, I will be implacable and will not tolerate any disorder," declared General Antonescu, the Rumanian Dictator-Premier, in a press interview to-day. Nobody would dare to repeat the recent attempt to overthrow the established order.

He added, "I swear that nobody in the world will hinder me from defending the honour, rights and peace of the Rumanians.

Addressing Rumanian youths, he asked them to "examine their consciences, give up thoughts of violence against the State and collaborate in the reconstruction of the country."

He concluded by asking all Rumanians to take as their example the "great struggles and magnificent sacrifices of the Fuehrer and Il Duce, and the National Socialist and Fascist revolutions.

LEVINSON DIES

Lawyer And Writer On Political Science

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Salmon Oliver Levinson, the famous American lawyer.

Born in 1865, Levinson graduated from Yale in 1888 and was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1891. He had since practised in Chicago, being a member of the firm of Levinson, Becker, Gilbert, Peebles and Swiren. He specialised in reorganisation of industrials and railroads. He was a member of the American, Illinois State and Chicago Bar Associations.

Levinson was chiefly known as the author of the Levinson plan for readjustment of German reparations, Allied and inter-Allied debts, European appeasement and world peace, issued in 1927. A writer on the outlawry of war, he was the originator of the palindrome: "Deliver evil deed, live reviled." In 1931 he was presented with the Rosenberger medal by the University of Chicago, for his contribution to the improvement of international political relations.

VALONA RAIDED

Despite Bad Weather

ATHENS, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. again attacked the Albania port of Valona yesterday. The raid was carried out despite bad weather, and warehouses, a munition dump and a timber depot were among the targets effectively bombed. Direct hits were registered on buildings.

Fighting In Southern Honan

Chinese Counter Attacks

CHUNGKING, Feb. 3 (Central News).—Chinese troops in southern Honan are launching heavy attacks against the Japanese on both banks of the Hung River in south Honan, exacting a heavy toll of lives.

Fighting in the Taihu Lake regions is developing favourably for the Chinese. Following a series of counter-attacks, they have recaptured Tangtuchen, (south of Ihing), Szechichuen, (north of Changhing), Mengpangshan, (north-west of Chunghing), Hunkiklao, (west of Changhing), and Nantienkiao (south-west of Changhing). They are now driving directly toward Changhing.

According to military advices from the Shantung front, Japanese troops based at Lini in south Shantung pushed toward Tsangshan, (south-west of Lini) last week.

Arsenals Of India

Full Blast For Allies

BOMBAY, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Black smoke was belching from all chimneys in Jubbulpore gun-carriage factory as I passed its carefully-guarded gates to be shown the huge workshops where carriages of India's guns are constructed, writes "Reuter's" special correspondent.

When I entered the workshops the roar of powerful machinery was almost deafening.

Amid the fierce glow of numerous furnaces skilled Indian workmen were manipulating red-hot metal with a casualness born of long practice.

I saw one of the latest guns complete with a new carriage. The old wooden spokewheels are abolished. The formidable weapon that I saw was fitted with heavy pneumatic tyres. All the guns fitted with carriages in the factory are made in India.

Since the outbreak of war, the output of the factory is two or three times the pre-war production while the number of workmen is more than doubled.

Constant Production

Production is almost continuous, ranging from 20 hours a day in some shops to nearly 24 in others.

While the main work is the production of gun carriages, the factory also makes a wide variety of other articles, including field cookers for the Indian Army. These cookers are now being produced in thousands.

Theft Of Copper In Shanghai

Civil Claim Started

CHUNGKING, Feb. 3 (Central News).—In connection with the grand larceny case in Shanghai in which Elly Widler, a Swiss, removed approximately 500 tons of copper in coins and ingots estimated to be worth $20,000,000 from the Commercial Express and Storage Company, and fled into the Japanese-controlled Hongkew area, a Shanghai dispatch states that the American Trading Company, Federal Incorporated U.S.A., owner of the copper stolen, has filed a civil suit with the U.S. Court in Shanghai against the Commercial Express and Storage Company.

The American Trading Company demands U.S. $155,077,69 compensation.

It is learned that the U.S. Court will hear the case on February 11.

It may be recalled that Wilhelm Bendler, a German alleged to be the accomplice of Widler, was arrested by the S.M.C. police.

Police Inspector Robbed

A thief, who is clearly no respecter of persons, has stolen the windscreen wiper from Chief Inspector Hourihan's car.

Mr Hourihan is Chief Inspector for Kowloon and the windscreen wiper was taken from his car while it was parked outside the police officer's residence at 202 Prince Edward Road.

Loss Of French Citizenship

Muselier and Rothschild

VICHY, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Vice-Admiral Muselier, Commander of the Free French naval forces, has been deprived of his French nationality; according to an announcement made here to-day.

Several other prominent Frenchmen were also named. Among them are Baron Eugene Rothschild, of the famous banking family; M. Richard Brunot, formerly governor of the French Cameroons who was dismissed by the Vichy Government and is now at the headquarters of the Free French forces in London; and M. Jacques Meyer, Professor at the Hanoi School of Medicine.

Australia And Far East Axis

MELBOURNE, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Australian defence preparations must go ahead at full speed, declared the Air Minister to-day. He added, "A powerful country in the Pacific has joined a military alliance with the enemy and we are not facing our responsibilities if we do not make ourselves safe."

Great Canadian Army

OTTAWA, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—A great army of airmen, infantry and armoured units is going overseas this year, declared Mr Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, in a broadcast to-day.

No Radical Effects Of Action Against Reds

CHUNGKING, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Chinese circles are not at all perturbed over the Communist situation following the High Command's decision to disband the Communist Fourth Army last month.

After the brief fighting between Government and Communist troops on the south bank of the Yangtse, no major fighting is reported to be taking place in any other areas.

Meanwhile negotiations are progressing between the Government and Communist authorities for an amicable settlement of differences.

The Chungking Government is not involving any Party with the measures taken against the New Fourth Army and is maintaining the usual relations with the Chinese Communist Party and other political groups.

HITLER IS CHECKED

No Time For Harsh Action Against Vichy

MADRID, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Hitler's reply to Marshal Petain's Christmas message is probably in the form of a short letter couched in cold terms, according to Spanish correspondents in Berlin.

Wilhelmstrasse circles are apparently extremely non-committal on the subject, but most Spanish observers in the German capital seem to agree that in spite of rumours of a possible renouncement of the armistic by the Nazis, Germany does not contemplate any drastic action, at least for the present.

Petain's Strength

In this connection, the Berlin correspondent of the Spanish agency, "Efe," says: "It must not be forgotten that a great deal of Petain's strength lies in the discipline and calm shown by the French Colonial Army and the French Fleet."

The correspondent of "Alcazar" declared that "Germany has no interest in complications that distract her attention in the critical hour of her preparations for attaining victory."

Vichy Versus Paris

The Berlin representative of the "A.B.C." expresses the view that Germany may be on the verge of an important decision *vis-a-vis* France. The affair is being expressed, he adds, in the German press as a struggle between Paris and Vichy.

The "Arriba," which has always championed Franco-German collaboration, to-day writes sceptically on "these programmes of national revolution shouted from the radios and the Press."

Indians To Be Trained In Britain

A new industrial link between the East and the West which may raise the standard of living of all the teeming millions of India is planned by Mr Ernest Bevin.

He outlined his big scheme recently to the South Wales Regional Council of Labour at Cardiff.

He said that as India required an organised force of skilled men, he had asked the Secretary of State for India to allow him to bring several hundreds of Indians from their workshops to Britain to be trained, and to live in the homes of our people.

"The men will be paid the same par as our own trainees from the Ministry of Labour, and their wives in India will receive allowances.

New Link

"This is forging a new industrial link between the East and the West.

"We have decided to get instructors in this country—men, I hope, who will come from the Trade Union Movement with a big outlook—to train hundreds of people in India.

He told the Conference that he created a special sub-committee to cater for Indian seamen.

"I am not going to allow them to be called lascars any more," he said. "They are Indian seamen."

Link With Scott

Printing Firm's Head

A link with the historic house of James Ballantyne (1796), Sir Walter Scott's friend and printer, has been severed by the death of Mr Robert William Hanson in Edinburgh.

Born in 1857, a native of Yorkshire, Mr Hanson early lost his parents, and was brought up by his uncle, Mr Edward Hanson, who became a sole partner in the firm of Ballantyne & Co.

In 1914 the effects of the war upon the business were such that Mr Hanson negotiated an amalgamation with the still older firm of Messrs Spottiswoode, London, the firm now becoming Spottiswoode, Ballantyne & Co., and Mr Hanson one of the directors.

Old Press

All the plant was included in the transfer, among which were the old press on which Sir Walter's novels were printed, and his chair and desk which he used in Old Paul's Work while correcting his proofs for James Ballantyne. The press was recently presented by the firm to the Albert and Victoria Museum.

Mr Hanson retired four years ago to Edinburgh.

FIATS DOWNED OVER MALTA

CAIRO, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—A number of enemy aircraft flew over Malta, and were attacked by British fighters, and two Fiat biplane fighters were destroyed.

New Gifts For The Monster Raffle

The latest gift to the Monster Raffle being organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee in aid of the Bomber Fund is a single stone diamond ring, value $500, from Messrs Sennet Freres.

One Pair Marble and Bronze Book Ends, value $100, donated by Messrs Raoul Bigazzi.

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T.T. Switzerland	100¼
T.T. Australia	1/6½

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U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03½

Relative Of Queen Weds Laundress

A 20 YEAR-OLD Ayrshire Laundress, Miss Jean Crawford, whose father is a builder's labourer, has married Captain Patrick Drummond Scott, 27, whose mother, a cousin of Queen Elizabeth, was formerly Miss Ernestine Bowes-Lyon.

They were married after a fortnight's courtship. They met at a dance and became affianced on Dec. 4.

Captain Scott called several times at the Crawford cottage to ask the father's permission to marry the girl, but her family opposed the match on the ground of the difference in their social stations.

He had 24 hours' leave for the wedding, after which he returned to duty.

The bride may return to her laundry job.

"We love each other," she says, "and will be happy. My husband wants me to give up work while he is away, but I would like something to fill up the time."

Japanese Embassy In Thailand

The Japanese Finance Ministry has approved the Foreign Office's request for Y.150,000 for elevation of the Japanese Legation in Thailand to the status of an Embassy.

Among other Foreign Office projects approved by the Finance Ministry for the budget was Y.50,000 for establishment of a Japanese Consulate at Deli on Timor Island.

The newspaper "Nichi Nichi" described the Foreign Office's decision relative to Thailand as a move for closer relations between the two countries and as a "sign of a realisation toward the establishment of a co-prosperity sphere in East Asia."

M.P.s Are Not On Contract

The suggestion that a constituency should have the opportunity of changing its member was made in Parliament recently.

Lieut-Colonel Sir Thomas Moore (Con. Ayr Burghs) asked the Prime Minister whether, in view of the extension of the life of the present Parliament, he would take steps to ensure that where the electorate in a constituency wished to terminate the five-year contract entered into with their member at the last General Election they could do so by petition or memorial to the Speaker, who could then declare the seat vacant.

Mr Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, said that to speak of a five-year contract was not an apt description. Parliament, for reasons well known, had decided to prolong the life of the present Parliament, and it would not be practicable or desirable to graft on to that decision the proposal put forward.

Cannot Beat Britain Says Nazi General

The revealing statement—contrary to the trend of opinion of all other articles on the same subject in the German Press—that the German Air Force cannot win the war is made by General Kabisch in the "Koelnische Zeitung."

The war, says the general, can be won only by the Army, adding: "This warning becomes necessary as the German people indulge in the optimistic view that the war can be won by the Air Force. The fact remains that the only way of winning is by bringing troops into England.

"The people of Germany often think that the dive bombers won the way in Poland. This is quite untrue. Our Air Force certainly gave the greatest support, but it could not defeat the Polish Army, which was defeated only by our Army."

40 M.P.s BOMBED

—Dining At The Carlton Club

While forty Conservative M.P.s were dining at the Carlton Club in London's West End during a recent air raid, the place was hit by a bomb.

The M.P.s were covered in debris as the glass dome over the dining-room was shattered, but not one of them was hurt.

Mr Samuel Storey, M.P. for Sunderland, remembered next morning that a cheque for £21,700, which the Mayor of Sunderland had collected to buy Spitfires, was under the debris.

It has been sent to Mr Storey so that he could hand it to Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production.

Mr Storey went back to the club at once and searched among the wreckage—and found the cheque safe among his other belongings.

Mr Herwald Ramsbotham, President of the Board of Education, was in the club when the bomb exploded, with Captain David Margesson, War Secretary, Mr J. S. C. Reid, K.C., Solicitor-General for Scotland, Lord Hailsham and his M.P. son, Mr Quintin Hogg.

Windows Broken

The windows were blown out, causing a flood of light outside. Captain Margesson pushed his way through the wreckage and turned off the lights.

Plates of soup on the tables were unspilled and glasses of wine remained upright.

The portraits of Disraeli and Sir Robert Peel looked down on the wreckage with their glass unbroken.

The only casualties in the club were four people who suffered minor cuts.

The Carlton is the leading Conservative club in the country and was founded in 1832.

Bob Pastor Next Opponent For Joe Louis

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (U.P.).—Mike Jacobs has announced that Bob Pastor will meet Joe Louis for the world's heavyweight boxing title at Los Angeles on April 15, unless Aturo Godoy withdraws immediately or requests a postponement until early May.

Seeking a September opponent for the champion, Jacobs has arranged a bout between Lou Nova and Max Baer, challengers, at Madison Square Garden on April 4.

Yesterday, Louis knocked out Clarence "Red" Burman in the 5th round of the scheduled 15-round bout.

WOMEN'S GOLF AT FANLING

THE USUAL Monthly Medal Competitions will be held on the Old and New Course at Fanling on Tuesday, February 4.

During February a Bogey Competition will be held on the New Course.

Owing to the absence of so many lady golfers, the Annual Spring Meeting will be confined to one day, the date fixed being Tuesday, March 11.

Particulars will be posted later.

COMPETITIONS

The Monthly Medal Competition (Bronze Division) on the New Course was won by Mrs Greaves, 100—20=77.

No cards were returned in the Silver Division.

The Bogey Competition held on the New Course on January 21 was won by Mrs Eldon Potter—4 down. (13 entries).

Mrs Redmond qualified for the Captain's Cup on the Old Course, 98—16=82, and Mrs Margrett on the New Course, 96—24=72.

The Running Medal on the New Course was won by Mrs Redmond, 88—16=72.

Club Team For Quadrangular Tourney

The following will represent the Club against the Indian Army in the Quadrangular hockey tournament on the Club ground at 4.45 p.m. tomorrow:

V. M. Benwell; D. Taylor, V. C. Bond; D. McLellan, W. A. Reed, N. Whitley; D. T. Smith, T. Whitley, E. Fowler, A. E. P. Guest, J. M. Morgan. Umpire, Mr Pyas.

Girl Of 15 Tied Up Grandmother

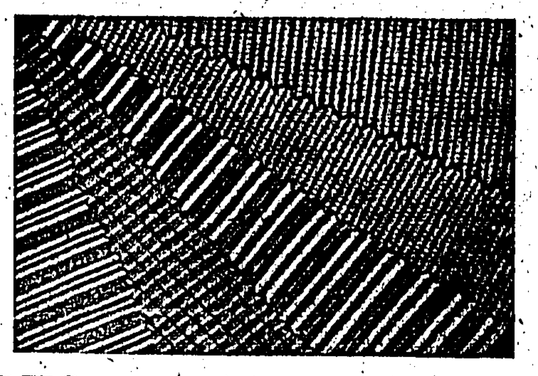
A grandmother, 71 years of age, her back almost doubled, was helped into Southwark juvenile court to tell the story of a girl of 15, her grandchild, who was sometimes "as good as gold."

"At other times," she said, "she is extremely obstinate and a bit of a brute. This is the second time she has tied me up."

A policeman said he saw the girl loitering in shop doorways in Woolwich at 1.55 a.m. She refused to give her name and address, but said, "Take me to granny. She needs me. I left her tied up."

The grandmother told him: "Take her away. My life is in danger. She has been lighting matches while I was bound and throwing them at me."

The girl was remanded for a psychologist's report.



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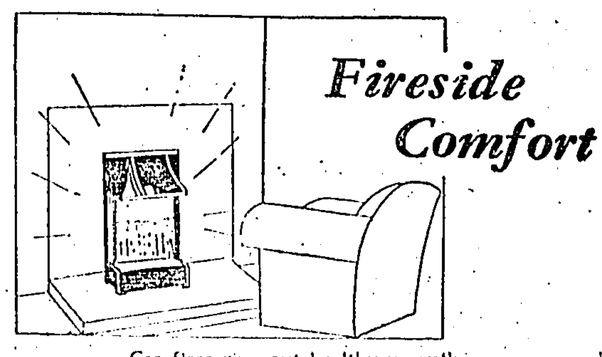
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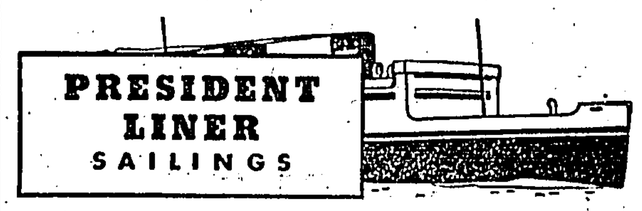
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Fine Shield Win For Eastern

Combined R.A. Allow Three Goals In Second Half: Chinese Forwards Reveal Excellent Combination

(By "SCRAMBLER")

AFTER HOLDING THEIR OWN magnificently during the first period of their match against Eastern in their Senior Shield encounter at Sookunpoo yesterday, the Combined Royal Artillery allowed their defence to be penetrated three times in the course of the second half, and although beaten, they were not disgraced, for it was only that they were unable to settle down as a team that they owed their defeat of three goals.

Eastern were no doubt the better team on the day's play, and it took all the ingenuity of their forwards to obtain the goals. While they played well as a combination, the disjointed actions of the Artillery made the task of their defence much more easier than their opponents. The Artillerymen had quite a few chances at goal, but poor shooting did not help matters.

The difference in the two teams as stated was in that the Chinese played as a team, and the soldiers disjointedly. Here in defence, Minshull put through a great deal of work, and the goals that had him beaten were not his fault. Lawton and Taylor tackled hard and cleared strongly, and had the middle line played slightly better, they might at least have held the Chinese.

Ronson was untiring in his key post, and although Greig played a sound game wherein he had the fast Hau Ching-tau greatly subdued, the same could not be said of Roberts, whose fallings to cover his men left a great deal of work for the pair of backs to do. It was in this position that the weakness was to be found, and the Chinese took full advantage of it by concentrating on the right.

Owens Neglected

In attack they were good in periods, but on the whole were unable to find their feet. McCarden on the extreme left was weak, being unable to get going, and did not give the support which he should. McDermot was a hard worker, and had to forage for himself on numerous occasions. His insidemen were on and off at times, and should have gone back to help the defence.

The Artillerymen were relying too much on their rush and kick method, which in this case was unavailing. The Chinese were clearing just as effectively, if not better, and the R.A. fallacy of neglecting Owens during the greater part of the game was so apparent, that a pass to him at times—might—have reaped them goals.

Eastern deserved everything for their victory, for from the start they were all over the soldiers, and only the rugged spirit of the defence kept the soldiers' goal intact. During the first fifteen minutes of play, they were not awarded one goal kick, and the keeper handled the ball on less than four occasions.

N. Z. Lee playing first at inside left and later taking over the attack, was the brains of the attack. His goal from forty yards out was masterly taken. V. K. Hyui was good, thrusting his way very effectively.

Cheung Kam-hoi did not appear to be able to keep up with his teammates, and although he was seen in several good bouts with his men, his performance, on the whole, nevertheless was only mediocre. The two wingers were fast, but Hau Ching-tau found that Greig was a great stayer. Because Roberts was unable to give him the attention he deserved, Chung Yung-sum was seen to good advantage, and he was the means of giving the Eastern the lead.

Sound Defence

Eastern's defence was always sound, and never harried. Every man played his part, and the covering of each other during pressure was performed to perfection. The pair of backs, Kong Sing-keng and Ng Kee-cheong were very sound and cleared well. Lau Hin-hon did not have very much to do in the course of the whole game, and performed creditably.

It was in their intermediate trio of Lau Chi-tsang, Hsu King-sing and Lo Wai-kuen that Eastern owed much to their victory. They not only defended well but found time in giving their forwards ample aid in securing goals.

During the first half of the game, play was confined solely to the soldiers' half, and their goal bore a very charmed life. On more than two occasions, the over-anxiousness of the Eastern's forwards spoilt matters.

Had Bad Luck

On the occasions of breaks-away the soldiers had to play hard in defence, and McDermot's long shot at goal was capably handled by Lau Hin-hon. At the other end, after a bout of short passing, N. Z. Lee's shot just scraped the cross-bar with Minshull well beaten.

Changing over with the score sheet still blank, Eastern once more took up the attack, and concentrated mostly on the right where Roberts was unable to control the fast moving pair. In one of his raids unmarked, Chung Yung-sum went through to put the Eastern one up.

During this period, Owens was very much neglected. With pressure being kept up, it was not long before Eastern obtained their second goal. After Minshull had saved on several occasions, play was relayed to midfield. Intercepting a pass, N. Z. Lee took the ball well to within forty yards of the goal to let go a terrific drive that went in at the left angle top corner of the net to put them two up.

Play was beginning to be too one sided, and Minshull and his pair of backs were very much put to it to stop further goals. However following further attacks, Hau Ching-tau scored after a passing bout from V. K. Hyui's pass to put Eastern three up.

COMBINED ROYAL ARTILLERY: Minshull; Lawton, Taylor; Greig, Ronson, Roberts; Owens, Atkins, DeDermot, Cross, McCarden.

EASTERN: Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-keng, Ng Kee-cheong; Lau Chi-tsang, Hsu King-sing, Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hyui, N. Z. Lee, Hau Ching-tau.

League Soccer Tables

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Sing Tao	17	13	2	2	47	20	28
S. China	16	12	2	2	48	10	26
Eastern	16	11	3	2	51	27	25
Middlesex	15	7	2	6	33	35	16
Kowloon	13	5	3	5	28	25	13
Police	16	6	1	9	27	38	12
Kwong Wah	16	4	4	8	37	45	12
R. Navy	15	3	5	7	37	41	11
R. Scots	15	4	2	9	29	41	10
Club	13	3	1	9	26	46	7
St Joseph's	16	2	3	11	17	43	7

Second Division

R. Engineers	17	14	3	0	77	17	31
R.A.S.C.	17	12	2	3	81	26	26
Sing Tao	17	11	3	3	51	23	25
S. China	18	10	5	3	70	18	25
Middlesex	18	10	3	5	50	34	23
R. Scots	18	9	2	7	44	29	20
R. Navy	18	9	2	7	45	43	20
30th R.A.	18	7	4	7	45	49	18
Kit Chee	17	7	3	7	34	47	17
Kwong Wah	17	5	3	9	27	45	13
R.A.O.C.	17	4	3	10	23	42	11
Police	18	3	1	14	25	72	7
Club	18	2	1	10	19	87	5
Kowloon	16	0	3	13	16	81	3

Third Division

R.A.F.	16	12	3	1	47	17	27
R. Signals	17	11	4	2	44	19	26
12th R.A.	17	8	5	4	41	25	21
36th R.A.	16	9	2	5	50	23	20
24th R.A.	16	7	3	6	35	23	17
R.E.	17	8	1	8	44	30	17
35th R.A.	15	6	4	5	31	33	16
R.A.M.C.	15	7	2	6	20	42	16
7th R.A.	16	6	3	7	30	30	15
International	15	5	2	8	31	31	12
20th R.A.	15	5	2	8	27	41	12
Shell	15	1	3	11	13	49	5
A.S.A.	14	0	0	14	4	63	0

Thrilling Fare For Softball Fans

A considerable number of matches in the Softball Leagues yesterday were fraught with thrills and excitement for the fans. Three were won by a one-run margin and a fourth by two runs.

Canuckettes were displaced from the lead in the girls division by the Wildcats in a 11-2 run-around. Canucks were nosed out by the Filipinos 3-2, while the Chinese B.C. lost 4-5 to the Rambling Rees.

Then the Indians came along and upset calculations with a 7-5 victory over the H.K. Baseballers. The Baseballers tied scores 5-all with a single in the seventh frame, and it was not until the final frame that the Indians crossed the rubber mat twice to clinch the issue.

Scores in brief were:

Girls

Canuckettes	2 Wildcats	11
Cardinals	20 Chung Hwa	1
Panthers	14 Ramblerettes	10

Men
First Division

Chinese	4 Recreio Aces	5
Canucks	2 Filipinos	3
Indians	7 Mohawks	5

Second Division

Chung Hwa	6 Nam Hwa	5
Cosmopolitans	7 VIC	14
RA	7 RAF	2

Inter-Hong

Lucas	16 Texaco	17

Yachting Results

The second Jan Trophy race sailed by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday resulted:

Joss	15.07.50 G. E. Neve	1
La Linda	15.13.22 P. Chidell	2
Maureen	15.20.25 Blake, Barnett	3
True Blue	15.27.42 L. P. Ralph	4
Gull	15.28.44 A. O. C. Mills	5
Arikl	15.43.51 Forsyth, Browne	6
Artemis	15.48.55 G. G. Wood	7
Painted Lady	15.51.31 D. Smith	8
Isobel	15.51.43 R. L. Berridge	9

W. G. Pryde, former C.B.S. boy and son of Mr W. Pryde, former Chairman of the Hongkong F.A., scores one of the two goals for Cambridge against Oxford in the drawn Universities match. — *Illustrated Sporting And Dramatic.*

Golf

Semi-Final Matches At Country Club

SEMI-FINAL MATCHES in both the Captain's Cup and the Men's foursomes were played at the Country Golf Club yesterday, and resulted as follows:

MEN'S FOURSOMES

R. E. Lee and A. W. Ramsey beat Geo. Lee and A. T. Lee 6 and 5.

W. Williamson and C.S.M. Thom beat T. Y. C. Lee and C. H. Suen 2 up.

CAPTAIN'S CUP

A. W. Ramsey beat C. H. Suen 5 and 3.

The remaining semi-final match between R. E. Lee and F. X. Silva will be played next Sunday.

Junior Matches At Fanling

In the second round of the junior championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club yesterday, N. D. Lloyd beat D. J. Valentine 4 and 2; S. L. Lloyd beat F. A. Redmond 4 and 2; A. J. Dennis beat P. V. McLane 2 and 1; and E. J. Price beat F. N. Merritt 3 and 2.

A. R. P. ATHLETIC MEETING AT CAROLINE HILL

THOUGH times and distances were nothing extraordinary, the first Athletic Meeting of the Upper Levels Division, District "A", A. R. P. Wardens' Society, held at Caroline Hill yesterday, was most enjoyable, and competition keen.

Lam Tse-kwong was successful in all three of the men's senior sprint events, and took individual honours in that section with the 15 points thus gained.

Miss Lee Yak-mui, however, was a more outstanding competitor among the women, winning not only all four of the running events, but took first place in the high jump and second in the long jump.

Wing-Cmdr Steel Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, presented the prizes, one to himself for winning the Officials handicap race.

W. G. PRYDE SCORES FOR CAMBRIDGE



Army Fifteen Win Final Tournament Game

Police Routed 14-0: Fast Crisp Passing

(By "Fly-Half")

IN THE FINAL Quadrangular Tournament rugger match of the season, Army beat Police by 14 points (a goal, a penalty goal and two tries) to nil on Saturday.

Playing into the sun and with the wind behind, Army established a sound lead of 9 points in the first half.

Lavalle gave a grand display of tackling for the Police and saved several likely tries. Jackson played well but not brilliantly. Wright-Nooth was in great form and the fact that the Army forwards seldom got through with the ball at their feet was largely due to the scrum-half's efforts.

Cullinan, Oakley and Dempsey were hard workers in the Police pack.

With fast and dependable threes in front of him, Picton was seldom called into action. The Army threes were fast and crisp in the handling and passing, especially Douglas, who was the best on view.

Morgan, passing with one hand, was erratic at times, but made up for it with the speed with which he got the ball away. Millar, Bompas and Sutherland were the outstanding forwards for Army.

The Game

A penalty against Lavalle for lying on the ball gave Coombes an easy kick for a penalty goal. After previous attempts to break through were repulsed by Lavalle, Douglas sold the dummy to Innes and went over for a try near the posts. Coombes failed to convert.

Next, Macdonald raced round Veriga to score at the corner. Millar failed with the kick.

In the second half, a try by Richards and converted by Coombes from in front of the posts completed the scoring.

Teams were:

Police.—Lavalle; Dingsdale, Fay, Indes and Veriga; Jackson and Wright-Nooth; Cullinan, Lewis, Searle; Olesen, Jenner; Oakley, Rose and Dempsey.

Army.—Picton; Richards, Douglass, Hook and Macdonald; Coombes and Morgan; Sutherland, Ford, Bompas; Millar, Heath; Berry, Duke and Page.

FINAL STANDINGS

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	6	5	1	0	69	15	11
Club	6	3	2	1	67	46	8
Army	6	2	1	3	52	41	5
Police	6	0	0	6	21	123	0
	24	10	4	10	215	215	23

Club And Navy Teams Below Strength

NAVY AND CLUB were below strength for their friendly game which Club won by 11 points (a goal and two tries) to nil.

Club combined well and brought off some clever moves with Carruthers outstanding. He saved a certain try when he brought Honeywell down from behind when the Navy player had broken clean through. Morgan and Stewart were other Club threes deserving mention.

Kennedy and Godfrey were conspicuous in Club pack.

Honeywell was the only danger to Club side, and had he had more support he would have obtained a few tries. King and Hughes were prominent forwards.

A try by Bosanquet, which Macrae failed to convert from in front of the posts, was the only score in the first half. Stewart obtained two tries in the second periods, and Redman converted once.

Hockey

"Y" Hold Interport XI To A 2-2 Draw

A TEAM selected from the 17 players chosen to represent Hongkong in the forthcoming hockey interport match with Macao made a rather poor show at King's Park on Saturday when the European Y.M.C.A. held them to a 2-2 draw.

The latter, however, were without the services of W. A. Reed and H. L. Ozorio, and this made a great difference in the half-line. But even up forward, the Colony XI were somewhat disjointed, and it could hardly be attributed to the weakness of the halves.

The Gemmell-Spencelayh combination on the "Y" right wing were a considerable source of worry to the Interport backs, especially Gonsalves, in whose half it was that they attacked.

R. Marques, right half, was the shining light of the Colony side. His foraging, blocking and distribution were all that could be required of a half-back.

Jordan and Waldron, wing halves for the "Y", were mainly instrumental in holding the Interporters. They broke up innumerable attacks and gave great support to the wing forwards.

The Scoring

Hitchcock gave "Y" the lead from a centre from Dunne, but Gurbachan Singh equalised soon afterwards. In the second half, Parker put the Colony XI in the lead, but Jordan then scored from a corner to even matters.

Teams were:

Interport XI.—V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and J. B. Gonsalves; R. Marques, M. H. Hassan, N. B. Whitley (first-half) and A. M. Alves (second-half); D. T. Smith, Gurbachan Singh, A. E. P. Guest, W. Parker and W. Brown.

Y.M.C.A. 1st XI.—Cleggett; D. Taylor and E. Yourieff; R. M. Jordan, Coombe and Waldron; Spencelayh, Gemmell, Hitchcock, Olson and Dunne.

S. Spary, Sgt Carr, Sgt Rakusen 10-23.

R. T. Broadbridge, E. Abraham, A. W. Smith, V. C. Labrum lost to Sgt Zimmern, Sgt Baptista, Sgt Steven, Sgt Sherriff 17-18.

A. E. P. Guest, A. H. Martin, F. A. Fabel, W. W. Parsons beat Sgt Geall, Pipe Major Mackie, Sgt Lockhart, C.Q.M.S. Fincher 24-7.

A. Zimmern, J. W. Bertram, F. Broadbridge, A. A. Madar beat Sgt Fowles, R. S. M. Rose, Sgt Remedios, Sgt Meyer 18-16.

D. A. Glover, R. T. Burch, R. S. Capell, G. E. Taylor lost to Sgt Skinner, R. S. M. Jack, R. S. M. Walker, C.Q.M.S. Silva (skip) 23-27.

Lucky Cash Sweep Numbers At Fanling

RACE 1.

No. 683	$590.63
" 1233	168.75
" 64	84.38

Unplaced ponies ($25 each): Nos. 1120, 1113, 82, 437, 1178.

RACE 2.

No. 1 000	$1,074.36
" 615	306.96
" 1141	153.48

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 226, 744, 407.

RACE 3.

No. 667	$1,148.67
" 149	328.19
" 646	164.10

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 1,012, 523.

RACE 4.

No. 34802	$16,076.14
" 2910	4,593.18
" 16007	2,296.58

Unplaced ponies ($510.30 each): Nos. 9245, 23769, 18710, 4474, 10331.

RACE 5.

No. 400	$1,196.23
" 349	341.78
" 14	170.89

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 1238, 549, 1,270.

RACE 6.

No. 986	$1,069.48
" 511	311.26
" 771	155.64

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 560, 160, 454, 212.

Lawn Bowls

K.C.C. Beat Vol. Sergeants By One Shot!

An enjoyable lawn bowls match was held at Cox's Road yesterday when Kowloon Cricket Club entertained the Volunteer Sergeants' Mess and won 92-91. A sum of $50 was collected in aid of the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund.

Scores, K.C.C. rinks first:

A. E. Perry, S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, R. D. Wellwood lost to C. S. M. Baskett, Q. M.

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FIRING PRACTICES

A.A. And Heavy Guns This Week

Heavy Gun practice will take place between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to-day. Firing Areas "C" and "D" will be affected.

Light Gun practice will be carried out between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Light Gun firing practice will be carried out between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight on February 4, 5 and 6. Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Firing practice as under will be carried out on February 7:

(a) Heavy Gun Anti-Aircraft practice between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Southern Area of the Island.

Firing Areas "C" and "D" will be affected.

(b) Heavy Gun firing practice between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Firing Area "C" will be affected.

(c) Light Gun practice between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight.

Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Heavy Gun Anti-Aircraft practice will be carried out between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on February 8 in the southern Area of the Island. Firing Areas "C" and "D" will be affected.

Firing practice as under will be carried out on February 9:

(a) Light Gun firing practice between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Firing Areas "A" and "B" will be affected.

(b) Light Gun firing practice between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Firing Area "B" will be affected.

Support For Bomber Fund

A total of $1,554,326.35 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

P. K. P. (monthly donation)	$500
"Sale of Scrap" (eighth donation)	10
Mr R. C. Olive (fifth donation)	300
"Airdaluinn" (monthly donation)	100
Mr B. Lipkovsky (monthly donation)	2
Anonymous (monthly donation)	5
Mrs L. N. Winfield (monthly donation)	10
W. P. C. (January)	10
P. S. S. Chicken Feed (weekly donation)	26
S.D.O. Staff, R.N. Dockyard	15
Hongkong Reel Club	550

REFUGEE WELFARE

The Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council announces the following donations received during the month of January, 1941:

Four Sympathisers, c/o S. C. M. Post, $40; Mr Li Kun-bing, $50.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the following gifts to their 1941 Appeal Fund: Mrs Pau (for Food Kitchen) $10; St Stephen's Girls' College Guild of Help (per Miss E. S. Atkins) for Soup Kitchens $300; Miss Mavis Lush (for Food Kitchens) $10; Miss Ruby Mow Fung $15; Miss Lean Siak Keng $5; H.K. Chinese Relief Association (per Mr Ho Kom-tong) (Food Kitchens) $300; Rev. H. D. B. Harford $24; Rev. A. P. Rose $10; Miss Jennings $3; Mr Ho Kom-tong and Mr Tang Shiu-kin $250; Miss Fox (Food Kitchens) $10; Mr P. K. Shenky $10; Miss F. K. Langford $3; Miss B. M. Wansey and Fev A. P. Rose $25; Mr Pau Shin-chi $10; the Staff and Students of Ladies College, Colombo, $88.18.

Donations in kind during the month of January:

000 pieces of firewood, Sandakan Chamber of Commerce; freightage on firewood, Messrs Jardine Matheson; free advertisements in the *South China Morning Post* and *Hongkong Telegraph*.

Memorial Service For George Hsu

A memorial service will be held on February 16 at Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill Road, for the late Mr George Hsu, well-known Chinese jurist who died in Hongkong on September 20, 1940.

The service is being sponsored by Mr Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, Dr H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, Dr Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Madame Sun Yat-sen, General Pai Chung-hsi, Kwangsi Commander, General Li Hon-wan, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, General Feng Yu-hsiang, Vice-Chairman of the National Military Council, Dr Wang Shih-chieh, Minister of Publicity, Mr Hsu Shih-ying, Acting Chairman of the National Relief Commission, and Dr W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia.

In 1917 Mr Hsu was Chief Secretary to Dr Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Chinese Republic.

Washington, Feb. 1.

Mr William Gibbs McAdoo, ex-Senator from California, Secretary of the Treasury during the World War and Chairman of the Board of the American President Lines, died here to-day of a heart attack.—*United Press.*



FIRST FAMILY—President and family leave White House for Christmas services in Washington. From left: Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mrs. Sara Roosevelt, Franklin D., Jr., holding Franklin 3rd, Mrs. Franklin D., Jr., the President, Harry Hopkins and daughter Diana, front, and Mrs. James R. Roosevelt.

Russia Shows Her Might: Vast Mass Demonstration

RUSSIA would not be taken unawares, declared Marshal Timoshenko, Soviet Defence Commissar, speaking from Lenin's tomb in Red Square, Moscow, recently.

He addressed a huge military and civilian parade. On the upper terrace of the tomb stood Stalin, Molotov, Voroshilov and other Government officials.

"The Red Army," declared Marshal Timoshenko, "solemnly promises, at the first call of Party and Government, to inflict a crushing defeat on anyone who would dare to attempt to attack the sacred frontiers of our country.

"The present war is expanding more and more, involving new countries and new nations, and already over half the population of the world has been drawn into war.

"The war means death to hundreds of thousands and the destruction of monuments of culture and civilisation built by the hands of workmen and peasants.

Soviet's Role

"The great policy of peace has guaranteed the security of our Fatherland.

"The Soviet Union does not take part in this war. The Soviet Government knows how to protect the peaceful work of our people.

"They have also brought about an impressive growth in the role that Soviet Russia is now playing in matters of international politics and Soviet Russia's authority abroad."

The peaceful solution of Soviet Russia's external problems—the return of Bessarabia and Bukovina and the incorporation of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania—had expanded the frontiers of Soviet Russia.

"The capitalist world will have to make room and acquiesce in that," he added, "but whatever the achievements so far, Russia must be ready for any surprises.

"We must remember Stalin's order that all of us should constantly be in a state of mobilisation, to be ready for any dangers, and to see that we are not taken unaware.

"Work Harder"

"The Red Army must continue to expand and increase its might, while our workers must work harder and better."

For an hour and 20 minutes units of the Red Army marched past Lenin's tomb in the parade, most of which was taken up by motorised infantry units, followed by a long procession of anti-aircraft detachments, motorised artillery and big field pieces drawn by tractors.

"All these are the creation of Soviet constructive genius, achieved as a result of Stalin's personal guidance, the fruit of his initiative and personal supervision," said the Moscow radio announcer in a commentary on the parade.

"He is the man who created these new arms. He checks every design, inspires every construction and all new ideas."

"Smash Enemy"

Three tanks, which flashed across the Red Square, heralded the approach of huge masses of tanks which rumbled past Lenin's tomb.

"A nation which has such an army can be quite sure," declared the commentator. "Such an army could smash any enemy."

The military parade ended with a flight over the Square of bomber and fighter planes.

A civilian parade consisting of 200,000 workers followed in a march across the Square.

Polish Airmen's Good Eyesight

One feature of nearly all the Polish airmen serving with the R.A.F. is their exceptionally good eyesight, says a correspondent.

A Polish pilot explained it by saying that in his country radio-telephony was very poor against British standards, and where British pilots were trained to have keen ears as well as keen eyes, Poles had got used to relying entirely on their eyes.

Another explanation was given by a British squadron leader who has often fought alongside Polish airmen. Poland's atmosphere is much clearer than ours and the Poles get used to focusing their eyes on points 10 or 20 miles away. This exceptional eyesight enables them to spot an enemy aircraft long before the normal British pilot.

Chinese Consul Urges Military Training

AN appeal to the Chinese in Singapore to seek military training and prepare to help the local authorities should hostilities come was made by Mr Kao Ling-pai, Chinese Consul-General, at the opening of the new premises of the Chinese Association.

"As citizens of British Malaya," said Mr Kao, "it is incumbent upon you to help defend the land of your residence.

"You should receive such military training as to enable you to take up arms in the event an enemy approaching this peaceful land.

"With this in view, it is imperative that all of you should take the lead of the Chinese community and join the local volunteer force.

Call For Action

"Empty talk will never do; it is action that matters, so let us act at once!"

The president of the association, Mr G. H. Kiat, thanked members and particularly those whose help had largely made it possible for the club to have premises of its own.

Dr Lim Boon Keng spoke of the need of fostering social relations between the Chinese and other communities.

He suggested that the association should build an air raid shelter in its four-acre grounds. Friends of other communities should be invited to see the shelter and should also be told what they could do in providing similar protection. This, said Dr Lim, would be a valuable public service at the present time.

Capt. N. M. Hashim spoke on behalf of the guests, and he endorsed the Chinese Consul-General's plea for unity not only among the Chinese but among the other communities as a whole.

"Perfect" Cure Now Banned

Tannic acid, hailed only a few years ago as the perfect dressing for burns, must never again be used for burns on the hands or face.

This revolutionary conclusion was reached by all speakers at a meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine recently.

It is quoted in the editorial of the current "Lancet," which explains the "disasters" which may arise from its use.

Danger to Eyes

"The immediate results of treatment may be good in some ways," it is stated, "but it also produces gross crippling of the hands, and by immobilising or deforming the eyelids endangers the eyes."

Tannic acid jelly for burns is sold extensively in shops.

In the Navy and RAF, it is pointed out, a jelly containing gentian violet and merthiolate has now been substituted as a first-aid application.

A.R.P. Order

It is learned from the Ministry of Health that already all A.R.P. personnel have been instructed not to use tannic acid for burns on face and hands.

"They have been given alternative methods of treating burns with the gentian violet and merthiolate jelly," an official said.

Remarried After £20,000 Divorce

Mr George J. Anthony Cathcart-Walker Heneage, the big game hunter, of Killochan Castle, Girvan, died recently, aged 34.

In 1929 Mr Heneage married Miss Jean Mann-Thomson. Three years later their divorce, which cost £20,000, created a stir in society circles. Proceedings began in Scotland and were taken to the House of Lords.

Two years later Mr Heneage announced his engagement to his ex-wife and the couple were remarried at Chelsea register office.

Mrs Heneage said at the time: "Our divorce case made us both thoroughly miserable."

"We talked things over," she added, "and decided that we had been hasty and inconsiderate to each other."

Their friends staged a party to celebrate the remarriage.

A daughter born in 1930 was christened at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, where the first marriage took place.

FIVE NEW ANTI-T.B. CLINICS OPENED RECENTLY

A report on the local Anti-Tuberculosis Clinics has been issued by the Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association, and shows that five clinics were operated on the Island and Kowloon Peninsula in 1940 under the auspices of the Association.

The first to be opened was at the Kowloon City Chinese Public Dispensary, by kind permission of the Chairman. This clinic started on June 16 and was staffed by two volunteer doctors from the Maryknoll Convent and a Nursing Sister, all possessing special experience in the diagnosis and care of tuberculous patients. A total of 272 patients were examined, and revisits numbered 1,063. The age and sex distribution consisted of 210 adults and 62 children, of whom 116 were males and 156 females.

Many visits were paid by the staff to the homes in and around Kowloon City to ensure that the advice given in the clinic was carried out as far as economic conditions and the serious lack of house room allowed. Suspected cases were submitted to X-ray examination and to tuberculin tests.

Cod liver oil emulsion and substitute and fifteen half-pints of soya bean milk (vita-milk) donated daily by a leading commercial concern, were given at this centre with satisfactory results.

Further Clinics

A second clinic was started on August 9 in a portion of the Government Health Centre at Tsimshatsui. Here, another two volunteer doctors (Drs J. H. Shu and N. K. Law) held sessions and saw 286 patients (46 male and 69 female) with 171 revisits by the end of 1940.

A third clinic was opened on August 27 at the Shamshuipo Chinese Public Dispensary with the approval of the Chairman. Drs H. K. Pang and T. C. Pan acted as volunteer physicians. Some 60 patients were seen, with 88 return visits. Of these, 29 were women and 31 were men. All the cases were between seventeen and fifty-four years of age.

Most of the patients belonged to the coolie, factory worker or shop-keeper class, working for twelve to sixteen hours a day on inadequate food and living five or six crowded together in a bed space.

On November 5, a fourth clinic was opened, at Stanley, by Dr A. H. Barwell. Some 18 patients were seen of whom 13 were men.

Yet a fifth clinic was opened at the Violet Peel Health Centre on November 26, with Dr E. W. J. Sun and Dr T. P. Wu generously giving their services. During the last two months, 60 new cases were seen, with a total of 74 revisits. Here, also, two gallons of vita-milk were delivered daily and were distributed to those attending who needed it.

It can be said, without hesitation, that these anti-tuberculosis clinics manned by public-spirited doctors, and members of the Auxiliary Nursing Service, provide a real need in a country where so many thousands die of tuberculosis every year, the report declares.

Humphreys Estate Presents Report

The report of the Directors of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd, for the past year, states:

The net profit after deducting Directors' and General Managers' remuneration and including $30,539.53 brought forward from last account amounts to $217,812.17.

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Transfer to Special Repairs and Renewals Account (Bringing same up to $15,000.00)	10,277.00
And carry forward	39,507.67
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Directors.—During the year Mr H. V. Wilkinson, D.S.O. resigned from the Board on leaving the Colony and Mr L. J. Davies was invited to fill the vacancy. In accordance with Clause 86 of the Company's Articles of Association Mr J. Scott Harston, Mr J. M. Alves and Mr L. J. Davies, retire but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, and Messrs Linstead and Davis, who offer themselves for re-election.

Greeks Advance Steadily

Important Mountain Peak Captured

London, Feb. 2.

The important mountain peak, known as 1960, originally organised as a defensive position by the Government of the former King Zog of Albania, was captured on Friday by Greek troops at the point of the bayonet after an all-night battle.

This is among several successes reported by the Athens radio last night. The Italians fought with great stubbornness and determination, but were overcome in the end by the furious onslaught of the Greeks and after being dislodged fled in disorder, completely routed. In their hasty flight from this one of Albania's most formidable peaks, the Italians abandoned very great quantities of war material.

Another success on Friday occurred in the coastal area, when the Italians threw very strong forces into a big counter attack and received the severest thrashing they have had since General Cavallero assumed command.

After suffering terrible losses, the Italians retreated in disorder and were unable to reform their scattered ranks, and the Greeks pursued the enemy troops beyond their original positions and took possession of a line of peaks 5,000 feet high, dominating the whole area.

To the north-east of this position, another lofty peak was captured with heavy Italian losses. All Italian counter attacks were thus smashed. The enemy sustained a severe defeat.

The Athens radio added, "The Greek army is now advancing steadily and successfully towards their objectives set by the Greek command."—*Reuter.*

Italian Vessel Sunk

Budapest, Feb. 2.

The Greek Radio to-night announced a Greek submarine, the Papanicolis, sank a 10,000 ton Italian transport out of an Italian convoy which was *en route* to Valona from Brindisi.

Also that the Greeks had occupied a 1,500 metre height north of Himara dominating the terrain in that area.

British bombers surprised and caused panic to Italian troops at Tepelini.

On the central front, a desperate Italian counter-attack collapsed under Greek artillery fire.—*United Press.*

Greek Civilian Losses

Athens, Feb. 2.

A communique to-day reported more local successes and the capture of 270 prisoners.

Greek civilian air raid victims in December numbered 67 killed and 93 wounded, and 100 homes were destroyed and nearly 300 slightly damaged.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Air Activity On Small Scale

London, Feb. 2.

Both British and German air activity for the week ending at dawn on January 31 was on a small scale, owing to bad weather. On four nights no raids were made on Germany and German-occupied territory, but on other nights bombs started fires on industrial targets in Hanover. Raids were also carried out on Wilhelmshaven and other targets in north-west Germany and the submarine base of Lorient.

The Germans lost 23 planes over Britain and British coastal waters, to one British plane. Over Germany and German occupied territory, the Germans lost seven planes, while the British lost 18 and one at sea.

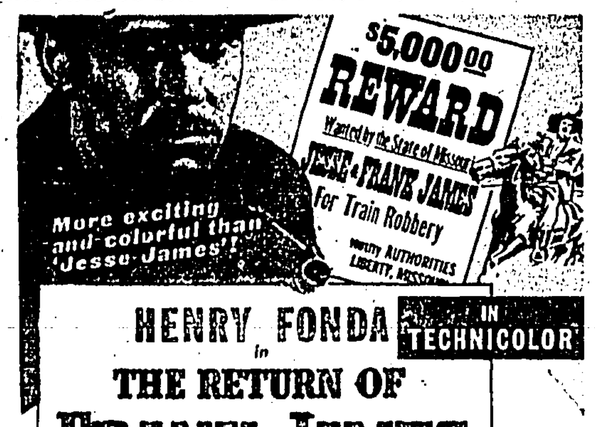
On the Mediterranean fronts, including Africa, Albania and Malta, Germany and Italy lost 87 planes in the air and 97 on the ground, while British losses were 14.—*Reuter.*



BIBLE REVISED—For the first time in 200 years the Catholic Bible is revised. Looking over proofs in Washington are Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City, Edward H. Donze and Rt. Rev. William L. Newton of Catholic University.

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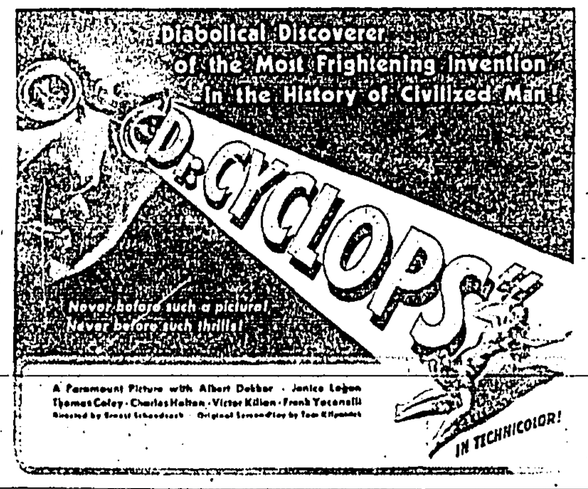
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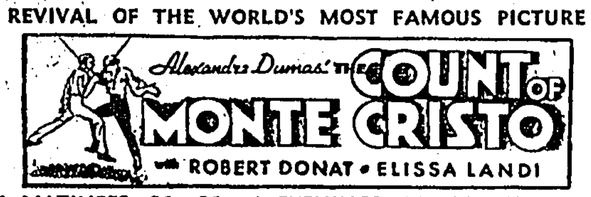
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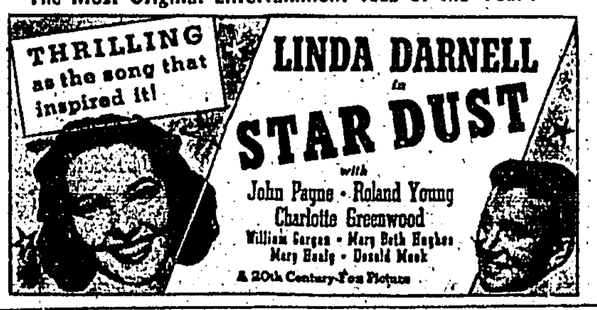
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AGORDAT FALLS TO BRITISH

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Regarding Libya, the communique says that concentration of British forces in the area is proceeding smoothly.

On To Massawa

CAIRO, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Following the capture of Agordat, British troops were to-day pressing on towards Keren, 50 miles further east on the railway to Massawa. Keren is probably less well-defended than Agordat but the tempo of the British advance is expected to slow down somewhat as the mountainous nature of the terrain favours defence.

Agordat was held by a large Italian garrison, a number of whom have evidently escaped despite the capture of several hundred prisoners.

A military spokesman here to-day said that the Italian at Berentu were now in a "very sticky position." They are virtually surrounded though they may hold out for a few days yet.

Chased Into Interior

Meanwhile British shells are raining down on the Metemma-Gondar road as British mobile forces chase the Italians into the interior of Abyssinia.

The Italians in this sector appear to have been taken by surprise as they had expected to be faced with only guerilla warfare by Ethiopian patriots and not with regular military action such as is now occurring.

R.A.F's Help

CAIRO, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Bombers of the South African air force operated yesterday in support of the British advance in several parts of Italian East Africa. They attacked Assab, Italy's second Eritrean port, where store dumps were hit, concentrations of motor transport at Mega Yavello, and aerodromes at Zula, where direct hits were obtained on military buildings.

An R.A.F. communique reports that offensive fighter patrols, bombing raids and reconnaissance flights were continued throughout the Middle East yesterday and from all of them R.A.F. aircraft returned without loss.

Soldiers, Police, & Civilians In Riots

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orders from policemen not wearing orange shoulder "flashes." These flashes indicate that the wearers have volunteered for duty in any part of Africa; both the police and soldiers are entitled to wear them.

Trouble again broke out on Saturday night and continued on Sunday morning. The police then used tear gas and made several baton charges to disperse the crowds.

Automobiles were wrecked and a police van was set ablaze. Police reinforcements were sent from the outlying towns and the First National Volunteer Brigade was called out. Troops were summoned from military camps and assisted the military police to maintain order.

On Saturday Johannesburg was, as usual crowded with soldiers on leave and the trouble started when some of them saw a bearded man in a tram-car which they attacked.

Newspapers Attacked

Many shop windows were broken.

The soldiers attempted to reach the offices of the Ossewabrandwag—popularly supposed to be an anti-British organisation—which is in the Transvaler building but failed.

They then ran round the back of the buildings, breaking the plate-glass windows of the "Vaderland," where the printing machinery was damaged.

The streets were in considerable turmoil and audiences from cinemas and theatres were added to the crowds when disturbances were at their worst.

Londoners Sneer At Daylight Raiders

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planes come overhead and A.A. shells start bursting they duck into doorways to keep away from shell fragments. It's a good rule to flop when you hear a bomb swishing. You always get two or three seconds warning and can get down or get behind a pillar or something. One of my newspaper friends flopped and was unhurt when one bomb went off in a street about 25 yards away from him."

London Can Take It

In another part of the letter Mr Moore says: "Some people have lost their homes and are undergoing hardship, including the poor subway shelter folks, but the average person gets along as well as in peace times.

"There are about 12½ per cent. of Londoners living in public shelters, I understand. The rest sleep at home, taking their chances or sleeping in shelters in which they have fixed beds, heaters, etc.

"Personally I get more sleep than when the kids were about, get all I want to eat, am not bothered by any rations, and live just about a normal life outside of the slight inconvenience in getting around in a blackout. I think London can stand up to as much as she has taken for years, if necessary."

Donated To The Bomber Fund



The above collection, consisting of 18 gold and silver decorations, gold watch and chain, antique silver forks and spoons, gold buttons and tie pins, which belonged to the late Mr H. W. Charrington, has been donated to the War Fund by his son, Mr E. Chippendale Charrington, of Hongkong.

It is interesting to recall that the late Mr Charrington, who was born at Hornsey, Middlesex, England on March 25, 1836, was a distant relative of Flora Macdonald and of the fourth Baron Macdonald, Lord of the Isle of Skye.

Picture below shows the late Mr H. W. Charrington.



No Wonder He Blushed

Typists, gardeners, butchers and bakers are among the army of men and women now being trained to build planes for Britain's bigger air force.

The other day one of their instructors had a mild shock.

A new arrival at the school instituted by Saunders-Roe, the flying-boat builders, after a lesson explaining the first principles of geometry, was asked to provide a short definition of an angle.

Next morning the instructor received a ten-page treatise on trigonometry, theorems.

The paper caused the instructor to blush, for it was signed: "....M.A., Oxon."

Court Overrules Girl's Father

Miss Valerie Angel, 18-year-old Brighton stage artist, told Aldershot magistrates that while her father did not object to her courtship he was against her marriage.

She sought permission to marry Private Maurice Bilmes, who, before joining the Army, was articled to a firm of solicitors at Brighton. His father is a company director.

Miss Angel explained: "We want to be married at a London synagogue in four months. Meanwhile, we want to announce our engagement."

Miss Angel's father was not in court.

The magistrates granted the application and wished the couple good luck.

Dutch Must Help To Rebuild Hamburg

FOUR thousand Dutchmen have been transported to Hamburg to help repair the port, wrecked by R.A.F. raids, the Nazi-controlled Dutch radio has announced.

From Poland, too, comes news that the Nazis are expecting the R.A.F. to extend its operations during the longer nights.

Black-out rules are being tightened throughout the German-held territory and severe penalties inflicted on offenders.

Channel Ports Raided

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more vigour than the action by the Luftwaffe over Britain.

Altogether three Nazi invasion bases were attacked and of them Boulogne was twice raided.

The story of further sweeps is told by the Air Ministry in the following communique:

Three Enemy Planes Down

"During daylight to-day formations of our fighters carried out offensive sweeps over the Straits of Dover and enemy-occupied territory. Of the small number of enemy aircraft encountered, three fighters were destroyed.

"On one sweep, the fighters were accompanied by a small force of bombers which attacked docks at Boulogne. Other attacks were made by single aircraft of the Coastal Command on enemy aerodromes at Ostend and Berck. An enemy fighter which attacked one of these aircraft was shot down. One fighter is missing from these operations."

Boulogne docks had been attacked just before dawn by another small force of R.A.F. bombers which also raided Ostend while the docks at Brest were attacked during last night by another small force.

The German air force was not reported over any part of Britain last-night-and-to-day-confined-itself to "slight activity by single aircraft" over the eastern part of England, the Air Ministry announces.

East Anglia Visited

A few bombs were dropped in East Anglia but did little damage and caused no casualties. During the afternoon some houses and shops were damaged and a small number of people were injured by bombing at two places on the coast of Kent.

The R.A.F. has shown by its action in the last 24 hours how the air offensive of 1941 over Western Europe can be shared with the Luftwaffe by day as well as night, writes "Reuter's" air correspondent.

The operations were limited on account of the weather but the very fact that they were pursued in the face of unfavourable conditions shows signs of healthy vigour. The one-sided daylight offensive of last summer has gone, possibly for all time.

Japanese Dilemma If U.S. Enters War

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a Seattle errand boy, does not underestimate the United States' resources; he has not concealed his embarrassment over this fatal turn of events.

The international situation is now very different from what it was last year when the Berlin Pact was signed and it appeared likely that England might be "liquidated" by German attacks.

Will Fulfill Obligations

Matsuoka has declared that Japan will fulfill her obligations to Berlin but at the same time he has beseeched Washington to spare Japan this bitter pill by not openly entering the war. Japan had previously hoped to reach an agreement with Russia and Russia had nothing against a non-intervention pact if it resulted in a conflict between Japan and America. But when it was requested that the Soviet should cease to supply China with war material there came a very firm reply from the Soviet.

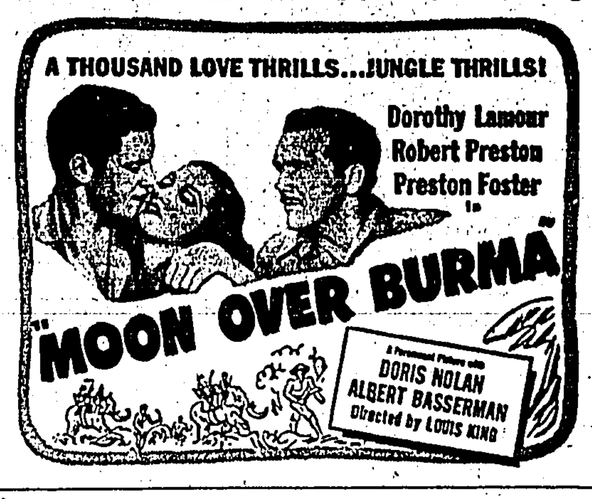
INDIA GETS ORDERS

Among recent war supply orders received by India are orders for coal for Hongkong, Haifa, Egypt, Sudan and the Admiralty, all kinds timber for Middle East, and production parts for armaments.

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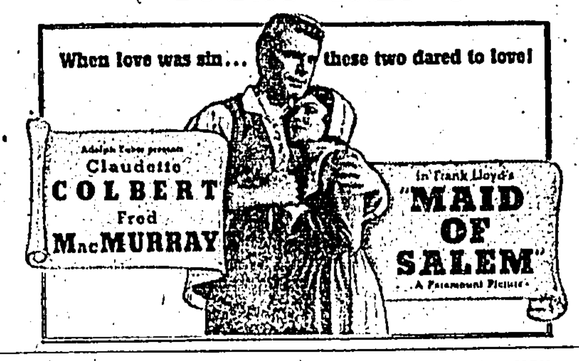


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Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, FEB. 2 (UP).—IT IS OFFICIALLY STATED BY THE AIR MINISTRY THAT WELL OVER 100 SPITFIRES AND HURRICANES PARTICIPATED IN THE SWEEPING ATTACKS ON OCCUPIED FRANCE. AN AMERICAN FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT BROUGHT DOWN ONE OUT OF THREE MESSERSCHMITT 109S.

THREE SQUADRONS OF HURRICANES ESCORTED THE BOMBERS WHICH ATTACKED THE DOCKS AT BOULOGNE, WHILE ANOTHER THREE SQUADRONS OF SPITFIRES PATROLLED THE AIR ABOVE. BARGES MOORED ALONGSIDE THE QUAYS AT BOULOGNE WERE HEAVILY ATTACKED.

German fighters sheered off and refused to give battle to the British machines, which pursued the enemy and shot down two Messerschmitts.

Homer Jenks, "United Press" staff correspondent in London, quotes the Air Ministry as announcing that throughout Sunday, formations of British fighters carried out offensive sweeps over the Straits of Dover and the occupied territory of France.

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A previous communique reported that Coastal Command bombers last night attacked the docks at Brest in the first British night raid since last Wednesday's attack on Wilhelmshaven.

The Air Ministry declared that despite unfavourable weather, patrols

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Hitler Made This Picture Possible

Only Hitler and his murderous colleagues who rain death indiscriminately from the skies on innocent civilians could make this picture possible. It shows little English children, huddled together in a cellar, staring fearfully at the skies as the sound of the Nazi planes are heard overhead. These youngsters are being cared for at the National Children's Orphanage in Hertfordshire, where, in the protection of deep underground shelters, they are reasonably safe from Hitler's total war.



THE CAPTURE OF AGORDAT

Eritrea Advance Continues

CAIRO, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—British troops have captured the town of Agordat, an important strategical point in Eritrea on the railway leading to the Red Sea port of Massawa.

Announcing this success, to-day's communique from British G.H.Q. says: "Yesterday morning British troops captured the town of Agordat, taking many hundreds of prisoners with guns and mechanical transport. Six Italian medium tanks, five light tanks and 15 guns were also destroyed.

"The enemy sustained heavy casualties during the final attack carried out by the British and Indian troops with R.A.F. co-operation. By dusk yesterday evening, advanced elements of the British forces were again in close pursuit of the enemy withdrawing towards Keren.

"In the Barentu area operations are proceeding well, while further south, Biacundi is now in British hands with more prisoners from the Italian forces which were originally withdrawn from Umm Hagar.

"As the result of these actions, coupled with patriot activities, Italian troops withdrawing from the Walkait district have been obliged to abandon the bulk of their mechanical transport and are now trying to make their way eastwards by mountain tracks.

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Week-End Of Great Achievement

British, Empire and Allied land and air forces dealt shattering blows to the Axis during the week-end. It was a week-end of inspiring achievements.

- **Formations of British bombers and fighters carried out smashing attacks on occupied France, including the invasion ports.**
- **British and Indian troops continued their penetration of Eritrea and captured Agordat with considerable prisoners and booty. Massawa and Asmara are now seriously threatened.**
- **South African troops, attacking from Kenya, entered Abyssinia for the first time.**
- **Italian counter-attacks in Albania were repulsed with very heavy losses and the Greeks have gained new and important positions.**
- **Valona has again been bombed.**

Prelude To Second Battle Of Britain Begins

By HOMER JENKS
Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Feb. 2 (UP).—The London Press claims that the prelude to the second battle of Britain has begun with the resumption and intensification of German armed reconnaissance flights.

The papers warn civilians to be very alert.

The brilliant sunshine on Sunday enabled British scouts to go into the air for the first time after a fortnight of fog. The planes checked the state of German preparations for an invasion.

British scouting planes throughout the day ceaselessly patrolled the southeast coast, while Home Guards fired a volley of shots at a single German bomber which dropped to an altitude of 100 feet and released ten bombs, after which British

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Troops From Kenya On March Into Abyssinia

(From "Reuter" With South African Forces in Abyssinia)

After expelling the Italian invaders from all parts of Kenya, South African troops have entered enemy territory for the first time. These lean brown warriors, hardened to the sweltering intense heat, have reached a country which for six months has been their goal. They comprise men from Cape hamlets, the Transvaal high veld, the Natal coast and the Free State plains.

With machine-guns ready to spray the elusive Italian native irregulars, armoured cars in the desert east of Lake Rudolf trundle across the trackless wastes into Abyssinia.

Infantrymen, who have already tasted excitement at the Battle of El Yibo, bucket across the rough country in three-ton troops-carriers with songs on their lips, realising that at last they are north of the border inside Abyssinia.

The South Africans have to force their way across extremely difficult

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FATSHAN FOR CANTON

Tentative Sailing Date

Permission has been granted for the river steamer Fatshan to make another trip to Canton on Wednesday, the agents Messrs Butterfield & Swire were advised to-day. The date may be changed to Friday.

The river steamer made her last trip on December 31, under the Japanese quarantine restrictions and with only 300 passengers including crew.

The agents have not been informed whether the Japanese restrictions will still be enforced and they have wired Canton for information.

Intending passengers are advised to call at the shipping office for particulars.

Still Fighting In Indo-China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Feb. 2 (UP).—The possibility of a peaceful solution to the Franco-Thai dispute was jeopardised yesterday when the High Command said that fighting had broken out in the Aranya sector at Kompat.

AID TO BRITAIN

Bill To Be Debated This Week

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (UP).—The House of Representatives on Monday will begin the debate on the Lend and Lease Bill, and it is predicted that the measure will be passed by a two to one majority before the end of the week.

The questions of the President's powers, and that of peace or war loom as the main issues. The Republican minority plans to counter with seven points in the aid to Britain legislative programme calling for drastic restriction of the powers of the President, and proposing to grant Britain two billion dollars in credits for the purchase of U.S. armaments.

Mr Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee

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Valona Batteries Strafed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Feb. 2 (UP).—An R.A.F. communique says that Valona was re-attacked on Saturday and batteries were strafed from a low level. Despite the anti-aircraft fire, the target area was effectively bombed.

Two D-42 planes were brought down over Malta last Saturday. In East Africa, the R.A.F. effectively bombed Avello Assab. "All our aircraft returned safely, the communique added.

Japan's Designs In Indo-China

Plans To Be Revealed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SAIGON, Feb. 2 (UP).—A very reliable neutral diplomat source outlined to the "United Press" Japan's immediate plans for strengthening her position in Indo-China as a springboard against "either the Dutch East Indies or Singapore. (The censor at Saigon deleted the details).

He said that the plans will be re-

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Arson In Shanghai

Race Course Shed Set Alight At Night

SHANGHAI, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—While the city was soundly asleep, a party, alleged to be Japanese, commandeered a British-owned taxi at 3 a.m. to-day, threw out the Chinese driver, drove to the race course and attempted to burn down the matshed where the rate payers will be re-meeting on February 6.

However, the Fire Brigade put out the fire before serious damage was done although the taxi, which was first set ablaze to light up the matshed, is a total loss.

The party fired several shots into the matshed before leaving.

A Shanghai Municipal Council spokesman reveals that two Japanese were involved and that they escaped to the Badlands in another commandeered British-owned taxi after an exchange of shots with White Russian sentries.

Bombing Of Courts

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3 (Reuter).—Two attempts to bomb the Chungking-controlled courts in the International Settlement were made in the early hours of this morning when a hand grenade was thrown at the Kiangsu High Court. Three hand grenades were then thrown at the First District Court.

There were no damage and no casualties.

All the grenades were flung from passing motor cars.

British Strategy In E. Africa

Advance On Massawa

(BY "REUTER'S" MILITARY COMMENTATOR)

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The selection of the British lines of advance against so vast a territory as that of Abyssinia displays a very high level of strategical judgment. For instance, the line of advance from Kassala strikes by the shortest route at the most decisive point of Italian possessions in East Africa, namely the great port of Massawa.

For nearly 60 years Massawa has been the centre of government and might have been called its base if such a term has any meaning for the Italians in Abyssinia, cut off as they are by sea from all communication with the outside world.

Moral & Physical Blow

The capture of Massawa will be a tremendous moral blow to the Italians in Abyssinia, for Eritrea is by far the most loyal part of their holdings in East Africa. In addition, the capture of Massawa will be of considerable value to the British Navy and will facilitate, if necessary, the supply of arms and equipment which the Abyssinians may require for the redemption of their country from Italian grasp.

The success of Agordat and the British pursuit of the Italians as far

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Hand Grenades Thrown Into Shanghai Courts

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3 (UP).—Terrorists threw hand grenades in two pro-Chungking courts in the International Settlement this morning without causing any casualties.

In another part of the city, a prominent accountant, Li Tino, was kidnapped and the police are of the opinion it was possibly for political reasons.

Terrorists threw one grenade which exploded into the Weihawei Court, and they threw three others, of which only one exploded, in the North Chekiang Road Court.

The Nanking regime has recently been doing its utmost to gain control of the pro-Chungking Courts; however, thus far they have only succeeded in the French Concession where Japanese intervention resulted in French capitulation.

The police said that Russian guards at the Racecourse exchanged shots with the Japanese who made an effort to burn down the matshed. They were of the opinion that two Japanese were involved.

After the taxi had been set afire, the Japanese fled down Bubbling Well Road where they commandeered another taxi and drove to the Western boundary of the Settlement where they disappeared into Japanese controlled territory. One bullet hole was found in the second taxi; however apparently none of the Japanese was injured.

Assassination In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3 (Reuter).—Ching Hua-ting, editor of the "Shun Pao," was shot dead at 4.30 a.m. to-day while passing the Ambassador ball-room with friends.

He was hit by three bullets, one in the head and two in the chest.

There are no arrests yet.

Ching Hua-ting was one of 83 blacklisted by the Nanking regime last year. He was armed with two automatics at the time but had no chance to use them, being shot at close range from behind.

Fate Of Vichy Govt. Now In The Balance

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Feb. 3 (UP).—Marshal Petain sent Admiral Darlan to Paris by special train this morning to confer with Herr Abetz and other German emissaries. It is expected that Admiral Darlan's trip will settle the question of M. Laval's return to power which the Germans are backing, and which the Paris press insists is a fundamental condition for the resumption of the collaboration discussions which were interrupted on December 13.

With Admiral Darlan's departure, the dangerous crisis in the Franco-German relations reached a climax with a move one way or another being expected within 24 hours.

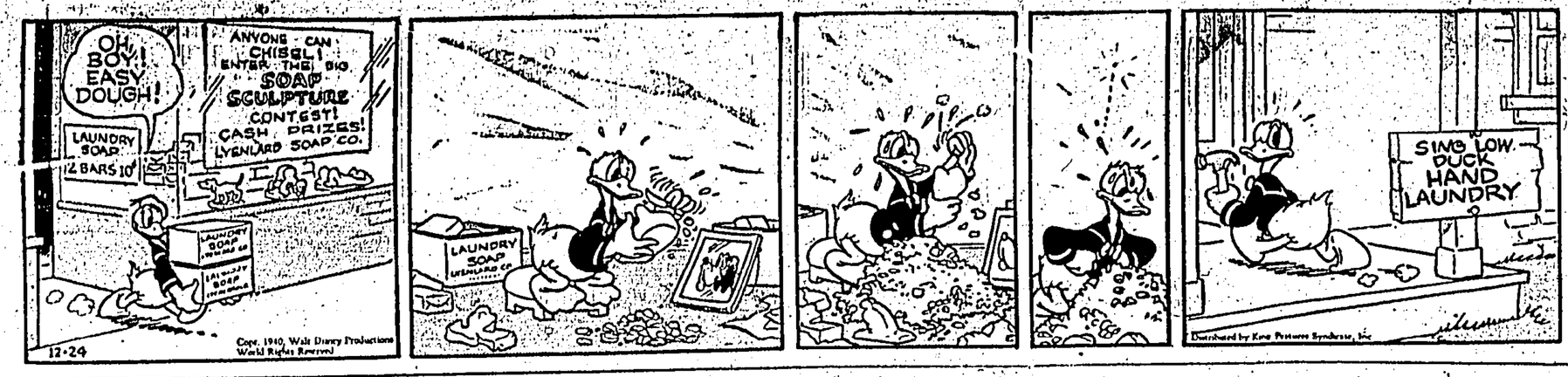
The future of France now hangs on Marshal Petain's answer to Hitler's firm insistence that Marshal Petain reinstate M. Laval.

An official German news agency dispatch from Geneva stated that Admiral Darlan was seeking "initiative conversations" in Paris, but that Paris quarters "consider the time for conversations inopportune as long as Vichy has not yet gained a clear recognition of the present situation."

This appeared to indicate that unless Admiral Darlan is prepared to fully submit to Hitler's demands, the deadlock will continue.

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th to TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board

W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1941.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday says:

There were enquiries for the heavier investment stocks but no transactions took place. Business recorded was Watsons at $11.10, Hotels at $3.55 and Dairy Farms at $19.20

Buyers

H.K. Banks $1,410
Canton Ins. $210
Union Ins. $410
H.K. Fire Ins. $105
Hotels $3.60
Electrics "O" $40.25
Electrics "N" $39.75
Telephones "O" $25.25
Ropes $8.80
Dairy Farms $19.20
Watsons $11.10

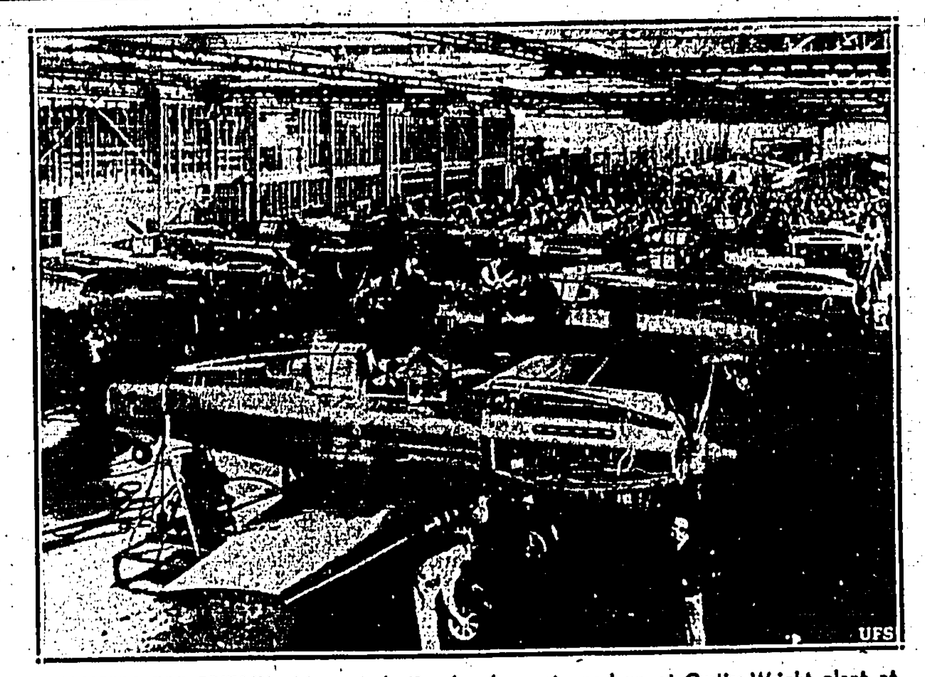
Entertainments $7.10
Constructions "O" $1.60

Sellers

Lands 4% Debentures $100
Star Ferries $62

Sales

Hotels $3.55
Dairy Farms $19.20
Wharves $98



FIGHTERS FOR BRITAIN—Mass production has been stepped up at Curtiss-Wright plant at Buffalo, N. Y., so that eight "Hawk" planes are turned out daily for delivery to Britain. Above is scene in plant.

LORD LLOYD ILL

London, Feb. 2.

It is stated that the condition of Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies, gives rise to some anxiety and he has been taken to a London nursing home for examination and treatment, under the supervision of Lord Horder.—*Reuter.*

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Harry Torrani (Yodeller) and Len Fillis and His Hawaiian Orch.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

1.13 The Regal Cinema Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Gershwin.

They Can't Take That Away From Me (film 'Shall we dance'); Soon (film 'Strike up the Band') Connie Boswell (Vocal) with Orchestra. An American In Paris, New Light Symphony Orchestra with George Gershwin. Lullaby (from 'Porgy and Bess') Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 "Swing" Music Dinah Shore (Vocal).

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.

7.30 Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra.

Le Plus Joli Reve (Arezzo); Evening Bells (Billi). Waltzes—In Tulip Land; The Flowers' Caress.

7.43 The Kentucky Minstrels.

She Wandered Down the Mountain Side (Clay), With Harp and Organ acc. Carry Me Back To Green Pastures (Pepper); Homing (Del Riego).

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.06 "Fats" Waller at the Organ.

8.15 London Relay—'Hi, Gang!'

9.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore".

9.55 Violin Solos by Temianka.

Romance No. 1, Op. 94 (Schumann); Romance No. 2, Op. 94 (Schumann); Scherzo Tarantelle (Wieniawski, Op. 10); Malaguena (Sarasate, Op. 21).

10.12 Rachmaninoff—Symphony No. 2 in E Minor, Op. 27.

1st Mov: Largo-Allegro moderato, 2nd Mov: Allegro molto, 3rd Mov: Adagio, 4th Mov: Allegro vivace, Eugene Ormandy and the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

11.0 Close down.

Y'S MEN'S MEETING

TO BE ADDRESSED BY WOMAN PROFESSOR

Professor (Miss) Sin Yuk-ching, Professor of Chinese Literature at Lingnan University, will speak on "The True Meaning of a Superior Man" at the tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club at St Francis Hotel on Thursday. Ladies will be welcome at this meeting.

Mr Ho Shiu-que, President of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club, and Mrs Ho, gave a dinner party to members of the Club at their home, 14 Koon Ma Terrace, Happy Valley, on Saturday.

Dr A. F. Bryson For East River

Dr A. F. Bryson, British orthopaedic specialist, born in Tsangchow, Hopei, and educated at Cambridge, who runs the Red Cross Hospital in Kweiyang, is now in Hongkong and will be leaving for the East River area in Kwangtung early this week to open an orthopaedic centre there.

The surgical unit which the doctor intends to establish in the East River district will consist of two doctors, one Chinese and one foreign, and five nurses and dressers. In addition to treating wounded soldiers and civilians, the unit will also engage in anti-Malaria and other anti-epidemic work.

The Red Cross Hospital at Kweiyang consists of 600 beds and its main function is to train doctors and nurses, of whom about 2,000 have already graduated. Of primitive construction and subject to frequent bombing by the Japanese, the work of the institution goes on under very difficult conditions.

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CIRCULAR TO DOCTORS

It is learned that the Colony's medical practitioners who are owners of cars have been asked by the Medical Authorities to furnish particulars, such as make of car, year of manufacture and horse-power, in a circular issued last week.

MARINER'S ESTATE

Estate in this Colony valued at $6,400 was left by the late Mr John Robinson, mariner, of Victoria, Australia, who died on August 1, 1939. An application for probate of the will has been granted to Mr R. A. Wadeson, the lawful attorney.

SINGAPORE PLANE

Singapore, Feb. 2.

The Singapore Turf Club is giving £20,000 for the purchase of a Tornado aeroplane, described here as the latest and most up-to-date aircraft used by the R.A.F.—*Reuter.*

POST OFFICE

The following increased postage rates for letters will be effective as from 1st February 1941.

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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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Australia and Manila Feb. 3.
Canton Feb. 3.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 29th January Feb. 5.
Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by Sea from Singapore Feb. 6.
Canton Feb. 7.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai. (San Francisco date 17th January) Feb. 8.

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Tuesday, Feb. 4

Canton 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Manila Macassar and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.

Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"

K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 5, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 5, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 5, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 5, 6 p.m.

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Parcels Feb. 5, 4.00 p.m.
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Parcels Feb. 5, 4.00 p.m.
Reg. Feb. 5, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 5, 7.00 p.m.

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Reg. Feb. 5, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 5, 7.00 p.m.

Straits 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 6

Holhow 10.30 a.m.

Manila and Parcels only for United-Kingdom.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels Feb. 6, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 7, 8.30 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 7

Sandakan 8.30 a.m.

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 7, 4 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 7, 4.30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 8

Straits and Calcutta
Parcels Feb. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Letters Feb. 8, 11.30 a.m.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

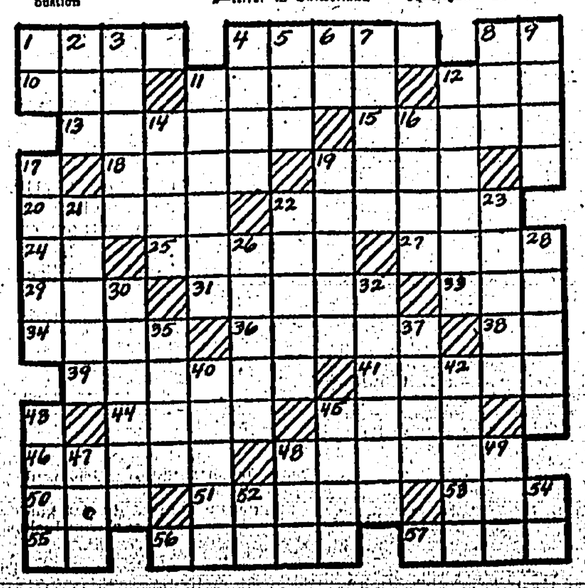
1—Everyone severally
4—Perhaps
8—Pennsylvania (abbr.)
10—College yell
11—Stream
12—Public house (English slang)
13—City in Wisconsin
15—Fat
16—Unusually stunted animal
18—Aquatic bird
20—Refers to specifically
22—People of good position
24—Forward!
25—Capital of Chosen
27—Dirt
29—Custom
31—Small food-fish
33—Justly claimable
34—Tear apart
36—Item of property
38—Unless sooner (Latin abbr.)
39—Pertaining to worthless person
41—Skin-disease
44—Member of ancient Peruvian race
45—Semicircular recess in church
46—One who measures by strides
48—Drained away
50—Product of combustion

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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DOWN

1—Exclamation of hesitation
2—River in Switzerland
3—Map
4—One of several aromatic herbs
5—Average (abbr.)
6—Nominative, second person plural
7—Color of faded leaves
8—Secretion in healing wounds
9—Second son of Adam
11—Cleanses with water
12—Boy character in Booth Tarkington novel
14—Suggestions
16—Flying mammals
17—Scrub thoroughly
19—Finds market for
21—Insertion of page
22—Tentative opinion
23—Pertaining to youth
26—City in Nebraska
28—Indian tent
30—Make wealthy
32—Place of worship
35—Scandinavian
37—Hard job
40—Fight (slang)
42—Poverty-stricken
43—Kind of gem
45—Makes sick
47—Chemical suffix
48—Well-known technical school (abbr.)
49—The (German)
52—Sodium
54—Negative answer



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Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Sunday

January 26

Burns Dinner. About 250 Scotsmen and guests attended the annual dinner held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel in commemoration of the poet Robert Burns.

References to the poet's attitude to war when the shadow of invasion darkened the Home Country in his own day were made by Professor W. Brown of Hongkong University when he proposed the toast of "The Immortal Memory." He discussed Burns as a man as well as a poet and dwelt upon his service to Freedom.

Amusing suggestions regarding Hitler's fear of invading Britain because of the lassies were made during the evening.

The dinner was served in traditional Scottish style with the Barley Bree and the Haggis and with the St Andrew's Society honorary pipers in attendance.

Mr B. Wylie, Chieftain of St Andrew's Society, presided, and with him at the principal table were Mr C. E. Terry (President of St Patrick's Society), Mr L. C. F. Bellamy (Vice-President of St George's Society), Dr G. D. R. Black (past Chieftain), Professor W. Brown, His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, the French Consul-General, M. L. Reynaud.

Others present included Sir David Owen, Commodore A. C. Collinson, Lieut Colonel D. J. MacDougall (Royal Scots), the Hon. Mr A. L. Shields, the Hon. Dr P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, the Hon. Mr C. G. Perdue and Lt Col H. B. Rose.

The company was piped into dinner and the haggis was piped to the Chieftain's table. The Chieftain took the Barley Bree and was followed by others at his table.

Temperature Falls. In contrast to the comparatively high temperature for January experienced last week, wintry winds were felt during Saturday and to-day, when the temperature fell over 20 degrees.

Yesterday's maximum temperature was 60 degrees, compared with a maximum of 77 degrees on Thursday. The minimum was 54 degrees, registered at 3 a.m.

Humidity was 84 per cent. to-day, compared with 90 per cent. on Thursday.

There was a slight drizzle to-night and the forecast is drizzle or light rain. The weather is expected to remain overcast.

Defence Services. Mr D. P. Legge has been appointed an acting Sub-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer force with effect from January 5.

Defence Reserve

The following persons have been reassigned from the General Group for Essential Services to the Combatant Group of the Hongkong Defence Reserve, viz:—Messrs Colin Cairns, D. G. Cairns, John Dickson, D. L. P. Edwards, Owen F. W. Hamilton, W. L. Morison and A. G. Parker.

Mr Samuel Randle has been reassigned from the Essential Services Group to the Key Posts Group, and Messrs Rupert Grimshaw and Joseph MacDonald have been granted permission to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve with effect from January 22.

Mr George Herbert Sullivan has been re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the General Group for Essential Services in the Defence Reserve.

Lawn Bowls Match. In a bowls match at Kowloon Bowling Green to-day, the Society of Yorkshiremen beat the Northumberland and Durham Society 86-65.

Col Holt, J. H. Bottomley, G. B. Foster, M. N. Rakusen (Yorkshiremen) beat J. W. Bertram, Dean Wilson, V. Ramsey, J. Fraser, 20-12.

A. G. Gratton, A. L. Fisher, C. F. Needham, A. Brooksbank lost to C. E. Turpin, E. Purves, C. Gowland, T. W. Carr 18-20.

P. Barry Parks, J. H. Shaw, L. Sykes, J. Meyer beat J. W. Humble, R. Radford, S. Hodge, T. Coleman 24-13.

A. R. Brown, H. H. Mundy, A. Jillot and J. Deakin beat D. Kossick, W. Hudson, J. Smith and J. MacGowan 24-20.

Monday

January 27

European Injured. While riding his motor-cycle on Castle Peak Road, near Laichikok Hospital, this afternoon Mr T. E. Jackson, Senior Surveyor of Ships, met with a nasty accident, as a result of which he is an inmate of Kowloon Hospital with body injuries. His condition is not serious, however, and it is expected that he will be able to leave in a few days.

It appears that the cycle skidded at a bend on the slippery road, throwing Mr Jackson heavily to the ground. The machine was damaged.

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments

What we need most are earplugs, not tunnels.

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Many a poor gold-fish will now be left to die in luxury.

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As if there weren't enough cumsha these days, Abigail had to talk to us about tips on furniture.

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At the Chinese Fair some thought they'd bought valuable curios. The man who bought a junk, however, knew it.

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The Police system of red and black marks for conduct has been amended. But it still resembles a game of Put and Take.

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The price of chicken rose to $3 per lb. over the Spring Festival. Let's see now; how many lbs. in seven stone eleven?

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If Burns were with us to-day he could write some fine poetry. And what a speech he could make in proposing "The Immortal Memory"!

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Taipans in Shanghai have to wear bullet-proof waistcoats. Pity that no one has invented some method of imparting a stainless steel lining.

Medical Qualifications. Permission to suspend an offending medical practitioner, as a middle course of punishment, is included in a draft Medical Registration Amendment Ordinance published in the *Government Gazette*.

Section 11 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1935, is amended by the insertion of the words "and possesses an adequate knowledge of the English language, both spoken and written" after the words "is of good character.".

Section 13 is amended by repeal of sub-section (1) and by substitution therefor of the following sub-section:

(1)—If any registered practitioner is convicted of any offence or after due inquiry is judged by the Medical Board to have been guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, the Medical Board shall have power to make any such order as to removing from or striking off the register the name of the registered practitioner convicted of such offence or judged guilty of such conduct as aforesaid, as to suspending him from practice, as to censure, as to the payment of costs by any party attending the inquiry, and otherwise in relation to the case as the Medical Board may think fit.

The following sub-sections are added after sub-section (6) at the end thereof:

(7) The Medical Board may, if it thinks fit, at any time direct that the name of a registered practitioner whose name has been removed from or struck off the register be placed thereon.

(8) The notice of any decision and any order or direction made by the Medical Board as aforesaid shall be signed by the Secretary of the Medical Board and may be filed with the Registrar of the Supreme Court and when so filed shall be enforceable in the same manner as a judgment or order of the Supreme Court to the like effect.

The Principal Ordinance lists four classes of technically qualified medical or surgical practitioners who are entitled to be registered, provided that they prove to the satisfaction of the Medical Board that they are of good character. Clause 2 of this Bill adds to that proviso the further requirement that they possess an adequate knowledge of the English language both spoken and written.

It is explained that such a requirement appears particularly necessary in view of the fact that some of them have obtained their degrees, diplomas or licenses in medicine and surgery in medical schools abroad where no knowledge of the English language is necessary. Moreover an amendment of this nature is recommended by the Medical Board, who have found in a number of disciplinary inquiries recently held by them that the practitioner concerned had no knowledge whatsoever of the English language and pleaded this fact in extenuation for the breach of regulations and for the disregard of warning notices sent by the Medical Department.

The principal Ordinance also provides that if any registered practitioner is convicted of any offence or after due inquiry is considered by the Medical Board to have been guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, the Medical Board may either censure the said registered practitioner or direct that his name be struck off the register. The Medical Board have pointed out that in recent inquiries the fact that the Board was restricted to either awarding the drastic punishment of striking off or the lenient punishment of censure had been a matter for comment; and the Board is of opinion that they would have been in a much better position to deal with some of these cases if there had been a middle course open to them.

The Board recommends that they shall be given power to suspend a registered practitioner convicted of an offence or guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect, and also to order costs to be paid by parties attending the inquiries, and that provision be made for such orders to be enforced in the Supreme Court in the same manner as judgments or orders of the Court to the like effect.

Tuesday

January 28

Death of Mrs Rose Carrol. The death occurred at her home, No. 13 Bowen Road, of Mrs Rose Carroll, mother of a family well-known in Hongkong and the Far East. Death was due to bronchial pneumonia. She had been a resident of Hongkong for 54 years.

Mrs Carroll nee Rosinada, was born of Spanish parents in Santiago, Cuba, in 1891. Her voyage to the Far East at the age of ten was marked by tragedy. The family was travelling on the paddle steamer "America" and while at anchor in Yokohama the ship caught fire. The girl and her brother were rescued but their father was drowned.

Mrs Carroll was the wife of John Carroll of Co. Cork, Ireland, who died in London in 1916. Her husband was one of three brothers who founded the first shipyard in Yokohama about 70 years ago. The brothers owned a fleet of schooners which traded with Siberia in furs and seal skins.

She leaves two sons, Messrs W. J. and A. H. Carroll, in Hongkong. One of her two daughters, Mrs Mary Carroll-Smith, is now in San Francisco, and the other, Mrs D. Rapp, in London.

There was a large gathering at the funeral, which was held in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, this afternoon. A choral service, conducted by the Rev. Fr A. Rigatti, assisted by the Rev. Frs J. M. Spada and A. Grampa, was held in the Chapel, but interment did not take place, as the vault which is being constructed is not completed.

Mr A. H. Carroll arrived back in Hongkong by steamer from Singapore shortly before the funeral was held.

The chief mourners were Messrs W. J. and A. H. Carroll (sons) and Mr R. A. Carroll (grand-son).

Those present included Messrs E. Abraham, R. Abraham, F. W. Stapleton, P. Pester, Seu Kon-chi, Lo Kin-fai, F. P. Lenfestey, G. A. Harriman, F. X. d'Almada, G. A. Walker, Mr and Mrs R. Pestonji, Mrs E. Fidoe, Mrs Fisher, Miss Braga, Dr and Mrs V. N. Atienza, Dr E. L. de Sousa, Mr and Mrs K. Shibata, Messrs S. H. Joseph, D. Passmore, W. J. O'Neill, A. V. Gosano, W. Goldenberg, H. A. Lammert, Kishimoto, K. Ikuta, S. Tanaka, J. Matsumoto, T. Eto, R. S. Capell, E. P. H. White, F. Grose, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, N. Leonard, B. I. Bickford, T. Yamada, Miss G. Bowen, Mrs. M. Hun, and several Canossian Sisters.

Wreaths from members of the family and Betty (Mrs Fidoe) were laid on top of the casket.

Other wreaths were sent by Tony and Alice, Kitty and Kenneth, Ruth, Arthur, Roy and Donald, May Anderson, C. F. Liang, Jeannette Fisher, Mr and Mrs J. J. Edgar, Wong Yan, A. R. H. Ismail, M. Namazee, C. H. Liang, C. T. Chang, R. A. Dastur, Dr and Mrs V. N. Atienza, Mr Ho Wing, George Lee, M. Taketo, Mr and Mrs S. H. Joseph and H. B. Joseph, Mr and Mrs A. O. Hyland, Allison Fisher, Mrs Capell and family, Mr Y. Kondo, Miss K. K. Lau, Miss Gue, K. Shibata, Mr T. Yamada, Mrs A. White, Margie and Pat, Mrs C. Leonard and family, Mrs A. Hopwar, Mr and Mrs J. F. Grose and family, Freddie Lenfestey, Mrs Banker and family, Mrs E. Neves and family, Mr and Mrs G. A. Harriman, Mrs M. F. O'Sullivan and family, Ng Sze-kwong, Dr and Mrs Ernest To, Mr and Mrs C. A. Yolle and family, Cheng-to, Mr. and Mrs F. W. Stapleton, F. E. Nash, Dr and Mrs Gourdin, Miss D. Cox, Li Wai-san, Mr and Mrs C. E. Bok, Office Boy Yim Kip-wong, J. Matsumoto, Ah Ngan, Tao Woon, Ng Chi and Tam Hon, Messrs Lo Kim Fai and Company, Committee and members of the Sports Club, Yeung Yau and Company, H. K. Sharebrokers' Association, Nozaki Bros: HongKong Nippo, Toshihiko and Eto and Choa Po Min and Company.

New Air Service. A new air service—an extension of the existing Hongkong-Chungking-Lashio route—to Calcutta, will be started as soon as negotiations are completed between the governments of China and India, declared Mr W. L. Bond, Vice-President of the China National Aviation Corporation, in a Press interview to-day.

Mr Bond returned to Hongkong on Sunday from a survey trip to India, where he stopped at Delhi and Calcutta.

The service will be a weekly one, and the fare will be about the same as that from Hongkong to Rangoon via Chungking. The flight from Hongkong and Calcutta is expected to take 13 hours.

Holiday Cricket. In a two-day cricket match at Chater Road on Monday and to-day, Hongkong Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by six wickets, after being 28 runs in arrears with three wickets in hand at the end of the first day's play.

Kowloon opened play on Monday and knocked up 185, E. C. Fincher (78) and N. A. E. Mackay (62) being top scorers. They made a disastrous start and lost their opening batsmen, Anderson and Hung for only four.

Hongkong had scored 157 for seven at stumps. When play was resumed to-day Hongkong added another 21.

Kowloon fared badly in the second innings and scored only 148. Owen Hughes and Knight laid the foundation for Club's victory contributing 44 and 70, respectively.

Attaboy Shield. Fourteen rinks participated in the annual Bowls competition for the Attaboy Shield, between members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, on Chinese New Year's Day.

The match resulted in W. S. Drake's rink (R. P. Phillips, J. Hurst, J. C. Gill) winning by 35 shots. A. J. Hall's rink (G. Elphick, A. J. Rogers and L. Sykes) were runners-up, being 18 shots up.

Review Of The Principal Topics January 26 To Feb. 1

Wednesday

January 29

Mr. A. D. Brankston Dies. The death occurred at the Queen Mary Hospital to-day after a long illness of Mr A. D. (Archie) Brankston, former surveyor of the Shing Mun Dam and an expert on Chinese art.

Mr Brankston was the son of Mr A. B. Brankston, formerly Managing Director of the New Engineering Co. of Shanghai. He was educated at Brighton College, England, and afterwards at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, where he took the London University degree in civil engineering. He returned to the Far East in 1933, where he worked as a surveyor on the Shing Mun Dam.

During his student days Mr Brankston developed a keen interest in Chinese art and spent all his spare time in the museums and among the private collections. He was a personal friend of the late Mr George Eumorfopoulos and of Sir Percival David. It was natural, therefore, that on his return to England in 1935, he should be asked to help in cataloguing the art treasures for the Chinese Exhibition. After that very successful exhibition was closed he spent some time helping to catalogue Sir Percival David's collection at the Dorchester. Afterwards he was given a travelling fellowship by the Universities' China Committee which took him to India and to China for a further study of art and archaeology in India and China. Sir Percival David, himself an expert, relied implicitly on his judgment in making purchases in Peiping.

"Bob" Hall Retires. Mr. Robert Hall, Surveyor of Ships, Harbour Master's Department, will be leaving the Colony on retirement to-day, after having been in Hongkong Government for 35 years.

Mr Hall arrived in the Colony in 1905, when he joined Holt's Wharf. He entered the Government Service in 1912 and was appointed acting first assistant Government Marine Surveyor in 1915. He resigned in 1917 to become Marine Superintendent for the Canadian Pacific Railways, but rejoined the Government in 1920.

Mr Hall has also been consulting engineer for the Fire Brigade Department. He intends to join his family who are at present in England.

Gains Varsity Colours. News has been received in the Colony by his father that William ("Bill") Pryde, youngest son of Mr Walter Pryde, of the Public Works Department, who was a Peace Memorial Scholarship winner, has been awarded his soccer colours at Cambridge.

Anti-Sabotage Guards. In connection with His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government's appeal of January 9 for volunteers to provide anti-sabotage guards on board ships in Hongkong Harbour, the following additional information may assist employers and those who are in some doubt as to whether they should volunteer for this duty. It is issued by the Colonial Secretary.

Guards will only be required during the continuance of the Colony's present situation, and the scheme will cease to function should the Colony be directly involved in war.

No fear need be entertained that the time of guards who are detailed for duty will be wasted in waiting for the ship to which they are allotted, since it will be possible to arrange for them to return to their offices provided they can be communicated with by telephone at short notice.

The 12-hour duty period will not entail spending 12 hours continuously on guard, which would, in the case of night duty, impair the efficiency of the guards in their normal employment on the following day. It is anticipated that out of three guards, one will be on duty, one standing by and one off duty at any given time if the ship is working cargo. It will be appreciated that each person will be on full duty for only one third of the 12-hour period.

Thursday

January 30

Rev. A.P. Rose Marries. St John's Cathedral was the scene of a pretty wedding to-day when the Assistant Chaplain of the Cathedral, the Rev. Alaric Pearson Rose, M.A. (Oxon), married Miss Mary Beatrice Wansey, nursing sister of Queen Mary Hospital. Officiating were the Rt Rev. R. O. Hall (Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong), the Rt Rev. S. T. Mok (Bishop of Canton), and the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson (Dean of Hongkong). The service was fully choral.

THE BRIDE is the only daughter of the late Rev and Mrs H. R. Wansey, of Nikko, Japan. Her father was formerly Vicar of Bishopshowe, Wilts.

The bridegroom is the eldest son of the Rev. A. C. Rose (recently Vicar of Greatham, Co. Durham) and Mrs Rose. He was at Oxford from 1928 to 1933 (at St. Edmond Hall and Ripa Hall), then he became Curate of Gateshead Parish Church until 1936, when he was appointed Assistant Chaplain of St John's Cathedral, Hongkong.

A gown of English crepe Camilla, cut on princess lines of classic simplicity, with high neckline and long sleeves, was worn by the bride. Her embroidered veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms, while pink and white carnations composed her bouquet.

The bridesmaid, Miss Jane Hansey, nursing sister of Queen Mary Hospital, wore a frock of old-gold moire taffeta, with an over-dress of silk net, cut with a graceful bouffant skirt. The bodice was trimmed with nigger brown velvet. She also wore an old-gold sequin headdress and carried a bouquet of marigolds.

The Rev Charles Strong, R.N., Dockyard Chaplain, gave the bride away, and the Rev H. D. Rosenthall, Vicar of Christ Church, Kowloon Tong undertook the duties of best man. Mr J. R. M. Smith was at the organ.

The reception was held at the Church Guest House, Bishop's House. Later Mrs Rose changed into a two-piece suit of powder-blue angora, with which she wore navy-blue accessories.

New Puisne Judge. The appointment of Mr Paul Ewart Francis Cressall as Puisne Judge, succeeding the late Mr Justice R. E. Lindsell, was announced by the Colonial Secretariat to-night in a communique, which added that leave for Mr Cressall to South Africa en route for Hongkong was under consideration.

Mr Cressall is one of the four British Presidents of the District Court, Palestine.

Born in 1893, Mr Cressall was educated at Cranleigh School and entered the civil service in 1911 when he was posted to British Guiana and attached to the Police. On the outbreak of the war he was a lieutenant in the British Guiana Militia Infantry and served as captain with the British West Indies Regiment in East Africa and Palestine from 1915 to 1919, being awarded the Military Cross.

Returning to British Guiana after the hostilities he was again attached to the Police and, passing his final law examination in 1921 was called to the bar at Gray's Inn in 1923. After various positions in the police and judicial departments of the Colony, he eventually rose to be chief stipendiary magistrate, in which post he acted as chairman of several Royal Commissions.

Mr Cressall went to Palestine as senior British Magistrate in 1931 and was appointed to the District Court in 1933.

Friday

January 31

Black-out Practice. Another black-out practice, which may possibly last three days, will be held on February 26, said Wing Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, at a Press conference to-day.

Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins added that Government had decreed that the maximum time for a black-out practice be limited to three days, but whether it would be extended to the whole of this period would depend on the co-operation of the public. In other words, if in the opinion of the authorities the practice on the first night was successful it might be called off for the remaining two days.

As in previous practices, the black-out on February 26 would automatically commence at sunset and extend throughout the night. There would be A.R.P. exercises by day and by night, and the question of whether the maximum period allowed by Government would be made use of is dependent on the success or failure of the first night.

Sudden Cold Snap. Hongkong experienced a sudden cold snap to-day, there being a drop of ten degrees in temperature compared with the maximum figure of the previous day.

The maximum temperature from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to-day was 54 degrees, and the minimum 48 degrees, as against 64 and 48 respectively on Thursday, 70 and 58 on Wednesday, and 77 and 64 on Tuesday.

The minimum temperature of 48 degrees recorded both on Thursday night and early this morning was the lowest of the year, so far. There was a drizzle throughout this morning, but in spite of that the temperature rose to 50 degrees at 10 a.m., and with the weather clearing up later in the day there was a further improvement, the figure at 4 p.m. being 53.

The coldest spell last year was experienced in February, when 42.7 degrees was registered. The lowest ever recorded in the Colony occurred in 1893, when 32 degrees (freezing point) was reached.

B.W.O.F. Ball. The Rose Room and Annexe of the Peninsula Hotel presented a gay scene to-night, when the Executive Committee of the British War Organisation Fund held a ball, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton.

Two orchestras were in attendance, Art Carneiro and his Band, and the Dance Band of the 2nd Bn The Royal Scots (by kind permission of Lieut-Col. D. J. McDougall, M.C., and Officers). Those who did not have partners of their own were nevertheless able to dance, since there were 50 charming hostesses to help entertain the guests.

Cabaret items added to the delight of the evening. There was Mr Y. K. Sze, the popular Bass, who sang several numbers from his extensive repertoire, accompanied by Mr E. O'Neil Shaw, while dances and novelty turns were contributed by Herbert Tong and His Girl Friends (Gloria Yee and Dora Chow), The Wanchai Brothers, Nellie Field (whose Spanish Dance was much appreciated), Elsie Soong's Kittens (Barbara, Donald and Gerald Soong), Irene Arteuh, in a Russian dance, and members of the Mobile Nursing Detachment of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps (who presented a Tyrolienne Dance).

In addition to a competition, prizes were won by holders of lucky numbered tickets.



Saturday

February 1

Football Results. Both shield and league football was played in Hongkong to-day, with the following results:

Senior Shield First Round

South China	5	Club	1
Sing Tao	1	Middlesex	0
Kwong Wah	2	Kowloon	0
Eastern	3	Combined R.A.	0

Junior Shield First Round

Chinese A.S.C.	1	South China	6
Sing Tao B	1	Kit Chee	0
Kwong Wah	1	International	4
R.A.M.C.	3	Police	4
Engineers	1	36th R.A.	2
30th R.A.	2	Royal Signals	3
R.A.S.C.	1	24th R.A.	0
Eastern	*	Royal Navy	*

First Division

Royal Navy	1	Police	2

Second Division

Club	1	R.A.O.C.	0

Third Division

R.A.F.	2	35th R.A.	2

* Postponed.

World Cruise From Hongkong. A world cruise has been planned for the 57 ft brigantine now being completed at Tam Tsz's shipyard in Hongkong, for Sr A. Carmelo, the Mexican Consul in Manila.

The two men who will take the brigantine round the world, Colonel J. Calvo, Philippine Army Reserve and Sr Arnaiz, a reserve Air Force officer in the Philippines, will arrive in the Colony this week. They flew a plane from Manila to Madrid some years ago.

The brigantine "Nuestra Senora de la Paz" (Our Lady of Pence) which has been built under the supervision of Mr E. S. Moses will be completed this month.

Prominent Resident Dies. The funeral service of the late Mr J. G. Ozorio, of Kowloon Docks, who died at St Teresa's Hospital to-day was held at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, and was attended by a large gathering.

Rev. Father H. Angelis officiated, assisted by Rev. Father Byrne and Rev. Father F. R. Noval. After a short service at the Cemetery Chapel, the casket was taken to the graveside, and again removed to the Chapel for the night, before interment in the family vault to-day. Two sheafs of flowers, one from the widow and the other from the children, were placed on the coffin.

The late Mr Ozorio, who was 51 years old at the time of his death, was first employed by Sir Paul Chater, on leaving school, and later joined the Kowloon Docks, where he was employed up to the time of this death. An active sportsman, Mr Ozorio was a prominent member of several of the Colony's clubs and was well-known as a lawn bowls player.

Apparently in good health, he had dinner with his son, Dr H. L. Ozorio, on Friday, but shortly after that had a stroke and died the following afternoon at St Teresa's Hospital.

He leaves behind a widow, seven sons, Francis, Albert, Joseph, Horatio, Manuel, Pipino, and Henry, and a daughter Miss Helene Ozorio, two uncles and two aunts.



Group taken after the wedding at St John's Cathedral of the Rev. A. P. Rose, Assistant Chaplain of the Cathedral, and Miss Mary Beatrice Wansey.—*Ming Yuen.*



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AXIS INFLUENCE ON A BORDER DISPUTE

THE farcical little war between Indo-China and Thailand has been played out and now the real significance of the affair will crystallise in the peace negotiations which are to take place in Tokyo. The ease with which the Japanese brought about a cessation of hostilities does not allay apprehension. Rather, it confirms the views of those who have thought from the beginning that the most powerful nation in the Far East fomented those waters the more easily to fish in them, and the fact that the French delegates will go to Tokyo, where Hitler's henchmen have almost unbounded influence in the councils of their Axis partner, opens up disturbing visions of what the ultimate terms will yield.

It is now known that the Thailanders occupied a substantial part of Cambodia and some part of Laos and though the armies have, or will be, withdrawn six miles from their fighting fronts, the aggressor country, Thailand, will still be in possession of part of the territory claimed. It is worthy of note that Bangkok first laid claim to a few islands in the Mekong River and it seems extraordinary that national resurgence could from this small beginning raise such a mighty and sudden clamour for the greater part of Laos and Cambodia without very definite inspiration backed up by promises of solid support. Japan has laid great emphasis on the nationalistic spirit that was thus mysteriously called into being and has placed it like a halo round the heads of the Thailanders—an emphasis that is incongruous when compared with China's great struggle for existence, but which harmonises almost perfectly with the Hitlerian precepts for the domination of small countries in Europe and the foundation of strategic points.

The French are in a dilemma; they have to assuage the Thailanders whose belligerency now no longer needs inspiration because of the success it has experienced; they have to concede to the Japanese as much as they can without losing all sovereignty; they would like to appease the Chinese who consider them faint-hearted neighbours of little worth; they would like to resume normal trade relations with the British with whom they have a common if weakening bond.

It is interesting to speculate that while French overseas possessions are still secure from Hitler and while the Japanese are still obedient to Berlin, French Indo-China will probably remain itself, artificial though its status may be. Once it falls the rest of the French Empire will realise that it is time only and not Armistice conditions, that keeps them from Axis rule and they will then throw in their lot wholeheartedly with the Allies, instead of withholding support at the behest of a Vichy Government which will have lost its most potent weapon. It is probable that Syria and Algeria are saving Indo-China to-day. Hitler cannot afford to face a united Arabic world which would back up Turkey and Greece and kindle a new flame even through the Balkans.

The Peace Conference at Tokyo may hold unpleasant things for us—for instance the occupation by Japanese forces of a "disputed area" opposite Malaya—but for French Indo-China it is a dilemma which the Japanese will solve for them.



THE GLORY THAT IS GREECE——THE GRANDEUR THAT WAS ROME

Blacking-Out Foreign Correspondents

By William Henry Chamberlin

THESE are hard days for the foreign correspondent. Not so much because his work takes him where people are being bombed or torpedoed, but rather because it has become impossible or extremely difficult to practice his trade over a large and increasing part of the world.

Side by side with the physical black-out that darkens the streets of the cities and large towns of the belligerent countries there is an ever-growing black-out of independent news reporting which finds expression in various forms: censorship, intimidation, expulsion and, most effective of all, cutting off news at the source.

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Independent reporting has altogether ceased in the Soviet Union and Western Europe which are under Soviet and German military occupation. The foreign correspondent leads an increasingly harassed and restricted existence in Japan. In unoccupied France he is subject to the double control of the French censorship and of the pressure which Germany constantly applies to the Vichy regime to permit no action or expression of opinion which could be construed as unfriendly to the Third Reich. Censorship is severe even in countries where administrative independence has been maintained, as in Switzerland, Spain, and the Balkans.

Curiously enough, Berlin, after the outbreak of the war, was in one way a freer news centre than was Paris. Germany dispensed with the preliminary censorship of messages which was imposed in France from the beginning of hostilities. But a Damocles sword of expulsion hung over the head of the newspaperman who made what the Nazi authorities considered an indiscreet use of his freedom.

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In Italy, where the roll of expelled foreign correspondents is a long one, the unfortunate journalist gets the worst of both the French and the German systems. His messages are censored; but censorship is no guaranty of immunity from later discipline.

This growing black-out of the independent foreign news reporter is important because it means a steady contraction of the news sources on which public opinion is based. How many first-hand news stories come out of Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Copenhagen, Warsaw, and Prague in these days? Has the reader the least opportunity to know what has happened in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Eastern Poland, and Bessarabia since these regions passed under the control of the Soviets?

For that matter, has anyone during recent years been able to get independent first-hand testimony as to the working out of the experiment in collective farming in Russia, or as to what military and industrial undertakings have been started in Eastern Siberia, or as to how Soviet nationality policy is being applied in the non-Russian regions of the Soviet Union? How many foreigners have been allowed to visit those parts of China where the Soviet writ counts for more than the Chinese, such as Outer Mongolia and Sinkiang, or Chinese Turkestan?

I know from experience journalistic working conditions in three countries, the Soviet Union, Japan, and France; in all three the deterioration during the last year has been little short of catastrophic. The life of the foreign newspaperman in Russia, with one brief interlude, has always been a struggle with the censor.

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During the first years of my Moscow assignment, from 1922 until 1928, the censorship was comparatively mild, in the light of later developments, although it was more severe than any which existed in other European countries, most of which at that time were free from censorship. Restrictions on foreign correspondents became more severe as conditions in the Soviet Union deteriorated, from 1929 until 1933. The great famine of 1932-33 was almost completely concealed from the knowledge of the outside world. Correspondents were forbidden to visit the stricken regions of Ukraina and the North Caucasus and the word famine could not be cabled from Moscow.

The author is a veteran newspaperman who has represented the "Christian Science Monitor" in Russia, Japan and France. In this article, he gives you his honest views about censors and censorship.

One could only use such comparatively mild expressions as hardship, malnutrition, etc., which did not convey any adequate information about the situation. The same euphemistic gloss was imposed as regards the process officially called the "liquidation of the kulaks as a class," which meant that about 1,000,000 of the more well-to-do peasants were driven from their homes, often in the fierce cold of the Russian winter and, in many instances, deported to places in the Arctic wilderness, with the inevitable accompanying loss of life, especially among women, children, and elderly men.

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Censorship restrictions were somewhat relaxed after 1934, when the worst of the Five-Year Plan atrocities were over. But the ruthless purges of the Communist Party, which began in 1935 and lasted until 1938, cut the foreign journalist in Moscow off from all his formerly precarious news sources. The most dangerous offence for Russians, Communists, and non-Communists alike was association with foreigners. The Russians took the hint; and the foreign correspondents were left isolated, just like the diplomats in Moscow.

From the standpoint of the intelligent censor, this isolation was more effective than the most extensive use of the blue pencil. A story that a correspondent knows does usually get out somehow, even if the journalist is unable to send it directly under his own name. But the correspondent cannot send what he does not know, and he cannot know very much about a country all of whose citizens are terrorised against coming into contact with him.

This state of isolation from first-hand Russian contacts greatly reduced the value of the formal abolition of the censorship which was announced when Vyacheslaff Molotoff took over the portfolio of Foreign Affairs from Maxim Litvinoff in May, 1939. However, this abolition of censorship did not last long. Since Jan. 1, 1940, censorship has been reintroduced with unprecedented rigour. The last newspaper correspondent remaining in Russia left his post a few weeks ago with a long dossier of stories which he had not been allowed to send, most of them based on material in the Soviet press, which is itself completely under government control. A situation had been reached where more information could be obtained from the Soviet newspapers than from the messages of correspondents in Moscow.

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One's reaction to Japan's way with the foreign press depended, as I came to realise, upon whether one came to Tokyo from New York or from Moscow. Colleagues fresh from America chafed and fumed over the difficulties of obtaining real news in Tokyo, the evasions and procrastinations of government officials, the secrecy that shrouded some affairs of state.

Coming from the Soviet Union, on the other hand, I felt that Japan could almost be considered a liberal country. Censorship was sporadic, not continuous; the Japanese press, by Moscow standards, enjoyed a good deal of freedom, even if it was distressingly inaccurate; one could meet critically minded Japanese without fearing for the consequences to them; as one certainly could not meet Russians suspected of being out of sympathy with the Soviet order.

One could travel freely not only in Japan, but in Korea and Manchukuo and in some parts of China which were under Japanese military occupation. The police, to be sure, were exasperatingly numerous and inquisitive as soon as one got off the main travelled routes; but I journeyed from one end of the Japanese Empire to another without experiencing anything more serious than an occasional shortness of temper.

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Recently, however, there has been abundant indication that the foreign newspaperman in Japan is having a pretty hard row to hoe. It was a shock last August to read that James Cox, veteran Reuter correspondent in Tokyo, had passed away while in the custody of the Japanese police. Accompanying circumstances have made the official explanation—suicide—seem doubtful to some experienced observers.

Cox, a serious, hard-working newspaperman, had been arrested on a charge of espionage, and the definition in Japan has now become so sweeping and so vague that almost any normal subject of journalistic investigation could come under this head. I know of a Japanese employee in a foreign consulate in Japan who was sentenced to three years of imprisonment because he made a conjectural estimate as to the number of automobiles in a certain part of the Japanese Empire. One statistical bit of information after another has been suppressed since the beginning of the war in China, until the picture of Japan's economy which can be drawn up rests even more on guesswork and less on ascertainable facts and figures than was the case three or four years ago.

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The four months before the outbreak of the war which I spent in France represented my first experience in a foreign country without the restraining hand of a visible or invisible censor, although, in justice to Japan, I must say that deletions from my Tokyo dispatches were few and unimportant. This unaccustomed freedom disappeared as soon as the war began. A huge hotel in the centre of Paris was taken over by the ever-increasing horde of censors. There were special censorship departments for military affairs, for foreign affairs, for finance and economics, for French politics; and what one censor spared might be blacked out by another. The large white spaces which began to appear in French newspapers was a testimony to the activity of the news control.

To deal with the French wartime censorship was exasperating, but it was also instructive. Over the whole institution, which was constantly extending its ramifications, there brooded an atmosphere of smothering bureaucratism. There was never any idea of making a constructive use of the foreign correspondents, almost all of whom were sympathetic with France; petty pinpricks and delays were habitual and some of the deletions from messages, especially those sent from the front, were almost incredibly pointless.

I remember one message in which a compliment which I had paid to the French authorities for permitting the Alsatians to use their own language in newspapers, churches, and public signs, instead of enforcing the use of French, was crossed out. A colleague had the similarly curious experience of seeing a story which he had written about Strasbourg, with references to the fact that the Marseillaise was written there, cut to ribbons, for no sane political or military reason whatever, by some capricious censor.

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It has become still more difficult to cover France since the collapse and the division of the country into occupied and unoccupied zones. Paris, once the coveted post of the continental correspondent, is to-day little more productive of news than Prague or Warsaw. It is under the heel of German military occupation; and the few stories which are sent from Paris must pass through Berlin and can only be sent by correspondents who are accredited to Germany. There are almost equally great disadvantages in writing news from Vichy, where the shadowy government is afraid to let pass anything which might offend Germany. Moreover, conditions of travel are so difficult that it is almost impossible to check up on conditions by making trips to Marseilles, Lyons, Toulouse, and other towns of the unoccupied area. If present conditions remain substantially unchanged, France, once perhaps the best-known European country to Americans, may become a mysterious, almost a dark land.

SCOUT JOINS UP

THIS is a true dog story.

Scout is a large Airedale, a most handsome dog, but although he is several years old he has not the Airedale instinct of guarding his home and his people. No, he seems to like men best, especially soldiers.

Lately he has distressed his mistress by leaving her for days on end, then turning up too exhausted to do anything but sleep.

But now at last she has found out what has been puzzling her—where he goes. He disappeared for almost a week the other day, and she had at last decided that he must be dead. But strange reports began to reach her. "Oh, Mrs X, I thought I saw Scout. What, you've lost him? Well, there he was marching along as pleased as Punch, keeping time and everything with the soldiers! He did look well, the same colouring and everything."

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Or, "I saw Scout at the Town Hall. He was walking up and down with the sentry!" Or, "I saw Scout at the Town Hall; he came and spoke to me, then a couple of soldiers went in and whistled for him—he was off like a shot."

She had decided to go down herself to the Town Hall and give the dog's licence to the soldiers. But one night she had a visitor with the errant dog attached to a leash.

"Here he is," gasped her visitor proudly. "I got him at the Town Hall. He was sitting beside the soldier on duty. I just said that I knew the person to whom he belonged. He said, 'Well, he won't leave us. We've fed him well and to-night he's had a bath!'"

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Sure enough Scout had an aroma of scented soap.

So now Scout is recovering from his marching, sleeping on the rug in front of the fire, until the urge to go comes. Then my friend has no doubt where he will be, and she says she is going to tell them they can keep him.

Jean Thornton

Antonescu Holds Axis Leaders Up As Ideals

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—The band of rebel Iron Guards who massacred 92 people in the Forest of Jalava near Bucharest on January 21 have been arrested, says a Bucharest despatch. They will appear before a military tribunal.

An official communique issued in Bucharest to-day states that all is quiet in the country. The authorities, it adds, are still seeking out and arresting "those responsible for the trouble."

A large quantity of materials and merchandise stolen by the rebels has been seized.

"In future, I will be implacable and will not tolerate any disorder," declared General Antonescu, the Rumanian Dictator-Premier, in a press interview to-day. Nobody would dare to repeat the recent attempt to overthrow the established order.

He added, "I swear that nobody in the world will hinder me from defending the honour, rights and peace of the Rumanians.

Addressing Rumanian youths, he asked them to "examine their consciences, give up thoughts of violence against the State and collaborate in the reconstruction of the country."

He concluded by asking all Rumanians to take as their example the "great struggles and magnificent sacrifices of the Fuehrer and Il Duce, and the National Socialist and Fascist revolutions.

LEVINSON DIES

Lawyer And Writer On Political Science

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Salmon Oliver Levinson, the famous American lawyer.

Born in 1865, Levinson graduated from Yale in 1888 and was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1891. He had since practised in Chicago, being a member of the firm of Levinson, Becker, Gilbert, Peebles and Swiren. He specialised in reorganisation of industrials and railroads. He was a member of the American, Illinois State and Chicago Bar Associations.

Levinson was chiefly known as the author of the Levinson plan for readjustment of German reparations, Allied and inter-Allied debts, European appeasement and world peace, issued in 1927. A writer on the outlawry of war, he was the originator of the palindrome: "Deliver evil deed, live reviled." In 1931 he was presented with the Rosenberger medal by the University of Chicago, for his contribution to the improvement of international political relations.

VALONA RAIDED

Despite Bad Weather

ATHENS, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. again attacked the Albania port of Valona yesterday. The raid was carried out despite bad weather, and warehouses, a munition dump and a timber depot were among the targets effectively bombed. Direct hits were registered on buildings.

Police Inspector Robbed

A thief, who is clearly no respecter of persons, has stolen the windscreen wiper from Chief Inspector Hourihan's car.

Mr Hourihan is Chief Inspector for Kowloon and the windscreen wiper was taken from his car while it was parked outside the police officer's residence at 202 Prince Edward Road.

Australia And Far East Axis

MELBOURNE, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Australian defence preparations must go ahead at full speed, declared the Air Minister to-day. He added, "A powerful country in the Pacific has joined a military alliance with the enemy and we are not facing our responsibilities if we do not make ourselves safe."

Great Canadian Army

OTTAWA, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—A great army of airmen, infantry and armoured units is going overseas this year, declared Mr Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, in a broadcast to-day.

Fighting In Southern Honan

Chinese Counter Attacks

CHUNGKING, Feb. 3 (Central News).—Chinese troops in southern Honan are launching heavy attacks against the Japanese on both banks of the Hung River in south Honan, exacting a heavy toll of lives.

Fighting in the Taihu Lake regions is developing favourably for the Chinese. Following a series of counter-attacks, they have recaptured Tangtuchen, (south of Ihing), Szechichuen, (north of Changhing), Mengpangshan, (north-west of Chunghing), Hunkikiao, (west of Changhing), and Nantienkiao (south-west of Changhing). They are now driving directly toward Changhing.

According to military advices from the Shantung front, Japanese troops based at Lini in south Shantung pushed toward Tsangshan, (south-west of Linl) last week.

Arsenals Of India

Full Blast For Allies

BOMBAY, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Black smoke was belching from all chimneys in Jubbulpore gun-carriage factory as I passed its carefully-guarded gates to be shown the huge workshops where carriages of India's guns are constructed, writes "Reuter's" special correspondent.

When I entered the workshops the roar of powerful machinery was almost deafening.

Amid the fierce glow of numerous furnaces skilled Indian workmen were manipulating red-hot metal with a casualness born of long practice.

I saw one of the latest guns complete with a new carriage. The old wooden spokewheels are abolished. The formidable weapon that I saw was fitted with heavy pneumatic tyres. All the guns fitted with carriages in the factory are made in India.

Since the outbreak of war, the output of the factory is two or three times the pre-war production while the number of workmen is more than doubled.

Constant Production

Production is almost continuous, ranging from 20 hours a day in some shops to nearly 24 in others.

While the main work is the production of gun carriages, the factory also makes a wide variety of other articles, including field cookers for the Indian Army. These cookers are now being produced in thousands.

FIATS DOWNED OVER MALTA

CAIRO, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—A number of enemy aircraft flew over Malta, and were attacked by British fighters, and two Fiat biplane fighters were destroyed.

Loss Of French Citizenship

Muselier and Rothschild

VICHY, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Vice-Admiral Muselier, Commander of the Free French naval forces, has been deprived of his French nationality, according to an announcement made here to-day.

Several other prominent Frenchmen were also named. Among them are Baron Eugene Rothschild, of the famous banking family; M. Richard Brunot, formerly governor of the French Cameroons who was dismissed by the Vichy Government and is now at the headquarters of the Free French forces in London; and M. Jacques Meyer, Professor at the Hanoi School of Medicine.

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T.T. Batavia	44 1/8
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
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U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

HITLER IS CHECKED

No Time For Harsh Action Against Vichy

MADRID, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Hitler's reply to Marshal Petain's Christmas message is probably in the form of a short letter couched in cold terms, according to Spanish correspondents in Berlin.

Wilhelmstrasse circles are apparently extremely non-committal on the subject, but most Spanish observers in the German capital seem to agree that in spite of rumours of a possible renouncement of the armistic by the Nazis, Germany does not contemplate any drastic action, at least for the present.

Petain's Strength

In this connection, the Berlin correspondent of the Spanish agency, "Efe," says: "It must not be forgotten that a great deal of Petain's strength lies in the discipline and calm shown by the French Colonial Army and the French Fleet."

The correspondent of "Alcazar" declared that "Germany has no interest in complications that distract her attention in the critical hour of her preparations for attaining victory."

Vichy Versus Paris

The Berlin representative of the "A.B.C." expresses the view that Germany may be on the verge of an important decision *vis-a-vis* France. The affair is being expressed, he adds, in the German press as a struggle between Paris and Vichy.

The "Arriba," which has always championed Franco-German collaboration, to-day writes sceptically on "these programmes of national revolution shouted from the radios and the Press."

Italians Are Turned Back

Greek's New Positions

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—All enemy attempts to counter-attack have been definitely foiled, stated the Athens radio to-night.

Greek forces have steadily advanced and have taken up new lines and positions according to plan. These operations are beginning a new phase of the Greek advance across Albania.

The announcer continued: "The very considerable successes of our army in the sector of the front extending beyond Klisura have obliged General Cavellero, the Italian C.-in-C. to order a speedy evacuation of the Italian forces from this important area.

Striking Power Reduced

"Foreign observers express the view that any attempt on the part of the Italians to check the tide of Greek advance is doomed to failure because, after repeated disasters, their striking power has been very substantially reduced.

"The losses the Italian forces sustained during the latest counter-attack are estimated by these observers to be as high as 40 per cent. of their total effectives."

12 Unsuccessful Attacks

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Feb. 2 (UP).—The official spokesman stated that during the past week, there were 12 unsuccessful Italian attacks in attempts to re-take a 1,300-metre height but on Saturday there were no attacks.

He termed Italian air activity on Saturday as "unimportant and ineffectual."

Girl Of 15 Tied Up Grandmother

A grandmother, 71 years of age, her back almost doubled, was helped into Southwark juvenile court to tell the story of a girl of 15, her grandchild, who was sometimes "as good as gold."

"At other times," she said, "she is extremely obstinate and a bit of a bruter. This is the second time she has tied me up."

A policeman said he saw the girl loitering in shop doorways in Woolwich at 1.55 a.m. She refused to give her name and address, but said, "Take me to granny. She needs me. I left her tied up."

The grandmother told him: "Take her away. My life is in danger. She has been lighting matches while I was bound and throwing them at me."

The girl was remanded for a psychologist's report.

Japanese Dilemma If America Enters War

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—The "Svenska" points out that any day President Roosevelt may decide to adopt a non-belligerent status to the west as well as to the east and that Japan has facilitated this by signing the Three Power Pact.

Japan's move was intended to frighten American electors from supporting President Roosevelt but it was a miscalculation and the Pact had the opposite effect, for it was used by Mr Roosevelt against its own instigators when he pointed out that freedom's enemies threatened America from the Pacific as well as the Atlantic.

Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister who started life as a Seattle errand boy, does not underestimate the United States' resources; he has not concealed his embarrassment over this fatal turn of events.

The international situation is now very different from what it was last year when the Berlin Pact was signed and it appeared likely that England might be "liquidated" by German attacks.

Will Fulfill Obligations

Matsuoka has declared that Japan will fulfill her obligations to Berlin but at the same time he has beseeched Washington to spare Japan this bitter pill by not openly entering the war. Japan had previously hoped to reach an agreement with Russia and Russia had nothing against a non-intervention pact if it resulted in a conflict between Japan and America. But when it was requested that the Soviet should cease to supply China with war material there came a very firm reply from the Soviet.

Violation Of Truce

French Troops Accused

BANGKOK, Feb. 3 (Reuter).—French violation of the truce on the Indo-China border yesterday when the Thailand delegates in Bangkok were preparing to fly to the peace conference in Tokyo, is alleged in a High Command communique reporting three clashes in the Siophon region of the eastern front.

In the morning a French patrol of six violated the neutral zone; one was shot dead, one escaped and four were captured. An hour later a whole regiment and two tanks tried to encroach on the same zone but were repulsed and a third attempt was also frustrated.

Destroyer at Bangkok

During the negotiations in Saigon for a truce the Japanese Government notified the Thai Government that they deemed it necessary to send a destroyer to be stationed at Bangkok to facilitate communication between the Japanese Legation in Bangkok and the Japanese warship off Saigon and also between the Bangkok Government and the Japanese Government.

Peace Talks In Tokyo

Thai And Indo-China Delegations

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Feb. 2 (UP).—It is officially announced that the Peace Mission will leave for Tokyo on February 5 aboard a Japanese plane.

An agreement is expected to be reached at Tokyo within two weeks.

Indo-China Delegation

SAIGON, Feb. 2 (UP).—It is officially announced that the Director of the Cabinet, M. Georges Gautier, will head the five-man Indo-China delegation for the peace negotiations at Tokyo; they will be leaving the middle of this week.

Vichy has appointed M. Rene Robin, head of the French Economic Mission at Tokyo and the French Ambassador, M. Charles Arsene-Henre to represent Vichy at Tokyo.

Admiral Decoux will be leaving for Hanoi about the middle of February.

Theft Of Copper In Shanghai

Civil Claim Started

CHUNGKING, Feb. 3 (Central News).—In connection with the grand larceny case in Shanghai in which Elly Widler, a Swiss, removed approximately 500 tons of copper in coins and ingots estimated to be worth $20,000,000 from the Commercial Express and Storage Company, and fled into the Japanese-controlled Hongkew area, a Shanghai dispatch states that the American Trading Company, Federal Incorporated U.S.A., owner of the copper stolen, has filed a civil suit with the U.S. Court in Shanghai against the Commercial Express and Storage Company.

The American Trading Company demands U.S. $155,077,69 compensation.

It is learned that the U.S. Court will hear the case on February 11.

It may be recalled that Wilhelm Bendler, a German alleged to be the accomplice of Widler, was arrested by the S.M.C. police.

INDIA GETS ORDERS

Among recent war supply orders received by India are orders for coal for Hongkong, Haifa, Egypt, Sudan and the Admiralty, all kinds timber for Middle East, and production parts for armaments.

Bob Pastor Next Opponent For Joe Louis

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (UP).—Mike Jacobs has announced that Bob Pastor will meet Joe Louis for the world's heavyweight boxing title at Los Angeles on April 15, unless Aturo Godoy withdraws immediately or requests a postponement until early May.

Seeking a September opponent for the champion, Jacobs has arranged a bout between Lou Nova and Max Baer, challengers, at Madison Square Garden on April 4.

Yesterday, Louis knocked out Clarence "Red" Burman in the 5th round of the scheduled 15-round bout.

WOMEN'S GOLF AT FANLING

THE USUAL Monthly Medal Competitions will be held on the Old and New Course at Fanling on Tuesday, February 4.

During February a Bogey Competition will be held on the New Course.

Owing to the absence of so many lady golfers, the Annual Spring Meeting will be confined to one day, the date fixed being Tuesday, March 11.

Particulars will be posted later.

COMPETITIONS

The Monthly Medal Competition (Bronze Division) on the New Course was won by Mrs Greaves, 106—29=77.

No cards were returned in the Silver Division.

The Bogey Competition held on the New Course on January 21 was won by Mrs Eldon Potter—4 down. (13 entries).

Mrs Redmond qualified for the Captain's Cup on the Old Course, 98—16=82, and Mrs Marggett on the New Course, 96—24=72.

The Running Medal on the New Course was won by Mrs Redmond, 88—16=72.

Club Team For Quadrangular Tourney

The following will represent the Club against the Indian Army in the Quadrangular hockey tournament on the Club ground at 4.45 p.m. to-morrow:

V. M. Benwell; D. Taylor, V. C. Bond; D. McLellan, W. A. Reed, N. Whitley; D. T. Smith, T. Whitley, E. Fowler, A. E. P. Guest, J. M. Morgan. Umpire, Mr Pyas.

THE CAPTURE OF AGORDAT

FROM PAGE ONE

on the railway to Massawa. Keren is probably less well-defended than Agordat but the tempo of the British advance is expected to slow down somewhat as the mountainous nature of the terrain favours defence.

Agordat was held by a large Italian garrison, a number of whom have evidently escaped despite the capture of several hundred prisoners.

A military spokesman here to-day said that the Italian at Berentu were now in a "very sticky position." They are virtually surrounded though they may hold out for a few days yet.

Chased Into Interior

Meanwhile British shells are raining down on the Metemma-Gondar road as British mobile forces chase the Italians into the interior of Abyssinia.

The Italians in this sector appear to have been taken by surprise as they had expected to be faced with only guerilla warfare by Ethiopian patriots and not with regular military action such as is now occurring.

R.A.F's Help

CAIRO, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Bombers of the South African air force operated yesterday in support of the British advance in several parts of Italian East Africa. They attacked Assab, Italy's second Eritrean port, where store dumps were hit, concentrations of motor transport at Mega Yavello, and aerodromes at Zula, where direct hits were obtained on military buildings.

An R.A.F. communique reports that offensive fighter patrols, bombing raids and reconnaissance flights were continued throughout the Middle East yesterday and from all of them R.A.F. aircraft returned without loss.

New Gifts For The Monster Raffle

The latest gift to the Monster Raffle being organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee in aid of the Bomber Fund is a single stone diamond ring, value $500, from Messrs Sennet Freres.

One Pair Marble and Bronze Book Ends, value $100, donated by Messrs Raoul Bigazzi.

1,000 Gladioli Bulbs, value $75; Flower and Vegetable Seeds, value $25; (The Clover Flower Shop).

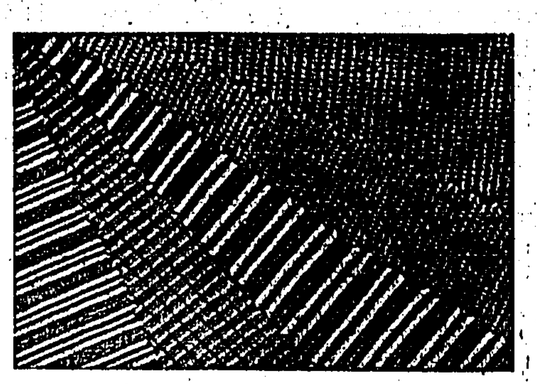
Priestley Feeds With The People For 9d

LONDON, Feb. 2 (British Wireless). — Broadcasting on Sunday evening Mr J. B. Priestley described his visit to a "communal feeding centre" in Liverpool. "It was clean, bright, sensible and had some excellent mural paintings on the walls. I took my place in a queue which was composed of many different types of people, young, old, rough and smooth.

"I bought a six-penny ticket for a meat and vegetable dish, a two-penny one for sweet, and a penny one for coffee. Young women in spotless white, working quickly and deftly, handed me a plate of beef stew and vegetables. Some apple pie and custard, and finally a cup of coffee. The beef stew was very nicely cooked though I could have done with a bit more beef in it. The apple pie was quite good. The coffee, which I had expected to be hot, wet and nothing more was surprisingly good."

Jollier Place's

Mr Priestly, who earlier in a broadcast suggested that the Food Ministry should cease calling these restaurants "communal feeding centres" said: "If communal feeding is necessary, as it probably will be at least for one meal each day, to save waste and to obtain the maximum value from foodstuffs, there should be still bigger and jollier places with rather more cosiness about them too, and with a few of the hundreds of musicians who are out of work, turning more communal feeding into jolly dining. At same time, drop the official titles and call them "Lion At Bay," "Winston Tavern," "Blitz Arms," and "Victory Inn."



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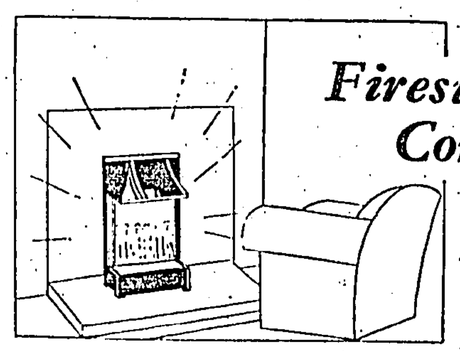
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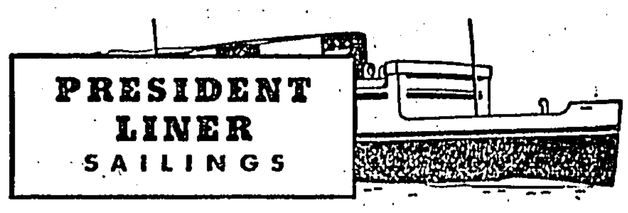
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Fine Shield Win For Eastern

Combined R.A. Allow Three Goals In Second Half: Chinese Forwards Reveal Excellent Combination

(By "SCRAMBLER")

AFTER HOLDING THEIR OWN magnificently during the first period of their match against Eastern in their Senior Shield encounter at Sookunpoo yesterday, the Combined Royal Artillery allowed their defence to be penetrated three times in the course of the second half, and although beaten, they were not disgraced, for it was only that they were unable to settle down as a team that they owed their defeat of three goals.

Eastern were no doubt the better team on the day's play, and it took all the ingenuity of their forwards to obtain the goals. While they played well as a combination, the disjointed actions of the Artillery made the task of their defence much more easier than their opponents. The Artillerymen had quite a few chances at goal, but poor shooting did not help matters.

The difference in the two teams as stated was in that the Chinese played as a team, and the soldiers disjointedly. Here in defence, Minshull put through a great deal of work, and the goals that had him beaten were not his fault. Lawton and Taylor tackled hard and cleared strongly, and had the middle line played slightly better, they might at least have held the Chinese.

Ronson was untiring in his key post, and although Greig played a sound game wherein he had the fast Hau Ching-tau greatly subdued, the same could not be said of Roberts, whose failings to cover his men left a great deal of work for the pair of backs to do. It was in this position that the weakness was to be found, and the Chinese took full advantage of it by concentrating on the right.

Owens Neglected

In attack they were good in periods, but on the whole were unable to find their feet. McCarden on the extreme left was weak, being unable to get going, and did not give the support which he should. McDermot was a hard worker, and had to forage for himself on numerous occasions. His insidemen were on and off at times, and should have gone back to help the defence.

The Artillerymen were relying too much on their rush and kick method, which in this case was unavailing. The Chinese were clearing just as effectively, if not better, and the R.A. fallacy of neglecting Owens during the greater part of the game was so apparent, that a pass to him at times might have reaped them goals.

Eastern deserved everything for their victory, for from the start they were all over the soldiers, and only the rugged spirit of the defence kept the soldiers' goal intact. During the first fifteen minutes of play, they were not awarded one goal kick, and the keeper handled the ball on less than four occasions.

N. Z. Lee playing first at inside left and later taking over the attack, was the brains of the attack. His goal from forty yards out was masterly taken. V. K. Hyul was good, thrusting his way very effectively.

Cheung Kam-hoi did not appear to be able to keep up with his teammates, and although he was seen in several good bouts with his men, his performance, on the whole, nevertheless was only mediocre. The two wingers were fast, but Hau Ching-tau found that Greig was a great stayer. Because Roberts was unable to give him the attention he deserved, Chung Yung-sum was seen to good advantage, and he was the means of giving the Eastern the lead.

Sound Defence

Eastern's defence was always sound, and never harried. Every man played his part, and the covering of each other during pressure was performed to perfection. The pair of backs, Kong Sing-keng and Ng Kee-cheong were very sound and cleared well. Lau Hin-hon did not have very much to do in the course of the whole game, and performed creditably.

It was in their intermediate trio of Lau Chi-tsang, Hsu King-sing and Lo Wai-kuen that Eastern owed much to their victory. They not only defended well but found time in giving their forwards ample aid in securing goals.

During the first half of the game, play was confined solely to the soldiers' half, and their goal bore a very charmed life. On more than two occasions, the over-anxiousness of the Eastern's forwards spoilt matters.

Had Bad Luck

On the occasions of breaks-away the soldiers had to play hard in defence, and McDermot's long shot at goal was capably handled by Lau Hin-hon. At the other end, after a bout of short passing, N. Z. Lee's shot just scraped the cross-bar with Minshull well beaten.

Changing over with the score-sheet still blank, Eastern once more took up the attack, and concentrated mostly on the right where Roberts was unable to control the fast moving pair. In one of his raids unmarked, Chung Yung-sum went through to put the Eastern one up.

During this period, Owens was very much neglected. With pressure being kept up, it was not long before Eastern obtained their second goal. After Minshull had saved on several occasions, play was relayed to midfield. Intercepting a pass, N. Z. Lee took the ball well to within forty yards of the goal to let go a terrific drive that went in at the left angle top corner of the net to put them two up.

Play was beginning to be too one sided, and Minshull and his pair of backs were very much put to it to stop further goals. However following further attacks, Hau Ching-tau scored after a passing bout from V. K. Hyul's pass to put Eastern three up.

COMBINED ROYAL ARTILLERY: Minshull; Lawton, Taylor; Greig, Ronson, Roberts; Owens, Atkins, DeDermot, Cross, McCarden.

EASTERN: Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-keng, Ng Kee-cheong; Lau Chi-tsang, Hau King-sing, Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hyul, N. Z. Lee, Hau Ching-tau.

League Soccer Tables

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Sing Tao	17	13	2	2	47	20	28
S. China	16	12	2	2	48	10	26
Eastern	16	11	3	2	51	27	25
Middlesex	15	7	2	6	33	35	16
Kowloon	13	5	3	5	28	25	13
Police	16	6	1	9	27	38	12
Kwong Wah	16	4	4	8	37	45	12
R. Navy	15	3	5	7	37	41	11
R. Scots	15	4	2	9	29	41	10
Club	13	3	1	9	20	46	7
St Joseph's	16	2	3	11	17	43	7

Second Division

R. Engineers	17	14	3	0	77	17	31
R.A.S.C.	17	12	2	3	81	26	26
Sing Tao	17	11	3	3	51	23	25
S. China	18	10	5	3	70	18	25
Middlesex	18	10	3	5	56	34	23
R. Scots	18	9	2	7	44	29	20
R. Navy	18	9	2	7	45	43	20
30th R.A.	18	7	4	7	45	49	18
Kit Chee	17	7	3	7	34	47	17
Kwong Wah	17	5	3	9	27	45	13
R.A.O.C.	17	4	3	10	23	42	11
Police	18	3	1	14	25	72	7
Club	18	2	1	16	19	87	5
Kowloon	16	0	3	13	16	81	3

Third Division

R.A.F.	16	12	3	1	47	17	27
R. Signals	17	11	4	2	44	19	26
12th R.A.	17	8	5	4	41	25	21
36th R.A.	16	9	2	5	50	23	20
24th R.A.	16	7	3	6	35	23	17
R.E.	17	8	1	8	44	36	17
35th R.A.	15	6	4	5	31	33	16
R.A.M.C.	15	7	2	6	29	42	16
7th R.A.	16	6	3	7	30	30	15
International	15	5	2	8	31	31	12
20th R.A.	15	5	2	8	27	41	12
Shell	15	1	3	11	13	49	5
A.S.A.	14	0	0	14	4	63	0

Thrilling Fare For Softball Fans

A considerable number of matches in the Softball Leagues yesterday were fraught with thrills and excitement for the fans. Three were won by a one-run margin and a fourth by two runs.

Canuckettes were displaced from the lead in the girls division by the Wildcats in a 11-2 run-around. Canucks were nosed out by the Filipinos 3-2, while the Chinese B.C. lost 4-5 to the Rambling Recs.

Then the Indians came along and upset calculations with a 7-5 victory over the H.K. Baseballers. The Baseballers tied scores 5-all with a single in the seventh frame, and it was not until the final frame that the Indians crossed the rubber mat twice to clinch the issue.

Scores in brief were:

Girls

Canuckettes	2 Wildcats	11
Cardinals	26 Chung Hwa	1
Panthers	14 Ramblerettes	10

Men
First Division

Chinese	4 Recreio Aces	5
Canucks	2 Filipinos	3
Indians	7 Mohawks	6

Second Division

Chung Hwa	6 Nam Hwa	5
Cosmopolitans	7 VIC	14
RA	7 RAF	2

Inter-Hong

Lucas	10 Texaco	17

Yachting Results

The second Jan Trophy race sailed by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday resulted:

Joss	15.07.50 G. E. Neve	1
La Linda	15.13.22 P. Chidell	2
Maureen	15.20.25 Blake, Barnett	3
True Blue	15.27.42 L. P. Ralph	4
Gull	15.28.44 A. O. C. Mills	5
Ariki	15.43.51 Forsyth, Browne	6
Artemis	15.46.53 G. G. Wood	7
Painted Lady	15.51.31 D. Smith	8
Isobel	15.51.43 R. L. Berridge	9

W. G. Pryde, former C.B.S. boy and son of Mr W. Pryde, former Chairman of the Hongkong F.A., scores one of the two goals for Cambridge against Oxford in the drawn Universities match. — *Illustrated Sporting And Dramatic.*

Golf

Semi-Final Matches At Country Club

SEMI-FINAL MATCHES in both the Captain's Cup and the Men's foursomes were played at the Country Golf Club yesterday, and resulted as follows:

MEN'S FOURSOMES

R. E. Lee and A. W. Ramsey beat Geo. Lee and A. T. Lee 6 and 5.

W. Williamson and C.S.M. Thom beat T. Y. C. Lee and C. H. Suen 2 up.

CAPTAIN'S CUP

A. W. Ramsey beat C. H. Suen 5 and 3.

The remaining semi-final match between R. E. Lee and F. X. Silva will be played next Sunday.

Junior Matches At Fanling

In the second round of the Junior championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club yesterday, N. D. Lloyd beat D. J. Valentine 4 and 2; S. L. Lloyd beat F. A. Redmond 4 and 2; A. J. Dennis beat P. V. McLane 2 and 1; and E. J. Price beat F. N. Merritt 3 and 2

A. R. P. ATHLETIC MEETING AT CAROLINE HILL

THOUGH times and distances were nothing extraordinary, the first Athletic Meeting of the Upper Levels Division, District "A", A. R. P. Wardens' Society, held at Caroline Hill yesterday, was most enjoyable, and competition keen.

Lam Tse-kwong was successful in all three of the men's senior sprint events, and took individual honours in that section with the 15 points thus gained.

Miss Lee Yak-mui, however, was a more outstanding competitor among the women, winning not only all four of the running events, but took first place in the high jump and second in the long jump.

Wing-Cmdr Steel Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, presented the prizes, one to himself for winning the Officials handicap race.

W. G. PRYDE SCORES FOR CAMBRIDGE



Army Fifteen Win Final Tournament Game

Police Routed 14-0: Fast Crisp Passing

(By "Fly-Half")

IN THE FINAL Quadrangular Tournament rugger match of the season, Army beat Police by 14 points (a goal, a penalty goal and two tries) to nil on Saturday.

Playing into the sun and with the wind behind, Army established a sound lead of 9 points in the first half.

Lavalle gave a grand display of tackling for the Police and saved several likely tries. Jackson played well but not brilliantly. Wright-Nooth was in great form and the fact that the Army forwards seldom got through with the ball at their feet was largely due to the scrum-half's efforts.

Cullinan, Oakley and Dempsey were hard workers in the Police pack.

With fast and dependable threes in front of him, Picton was seldom called into action. The Army threes were fast and crisp in the handling and passing, especially Douglas, who was the best on view.

Morgan, passing with one hand, was erratic at times, but made up for it with the speed with which he got the ball away. Millar, Bompas and Sutherland were the outstanding forwards for Army.

The Game

A penalty against Lavalle for lying on the ball gave Coombes an easy kick for a penalty goal. After previous attempts to break through were repulsed by Lavalle, Douglas sold the dummy to Innes and went over for a try near the posts. Coombes failed to convert.

Next, Macdonald raced round Verlga to score at the corner. Millar failed with the kick.

In the second half, a try by Richards and converted by Coombes from in front of the posts completed the scoring.

Teams were:

Police.—Lavalle; Dingsdale, Fay, Indes and Verlga; Jackson and Wright-Nooth; Cullinan, Lewis, Searle; Olesen, Jenner; Oakley, Rose and Dempsey.

Army.—Picton; Richards, Douglass, Hook and Macdonald; Coombes and Morgan; Sutherland, Ford, Bompas; Millar, Heath; Berry, Duke and Page.

FINAL STANDINGS

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	6	5	1	0	69	15	11
Club	6	3	2	1	87	46	8
Army	6	2	1	3	52	41	5
Police	6	0	0	6	21	123	0
	24	10	4	10	215	215	22

Club And Navy Teams Below Strength

NAVY AND CLUB were below strength for their friendly game which Club won by 11 points (a goal and two tries) to nil.

Club combined well and brought off some clever moves with Carruthers outstanding. He saved a certain try when he brought Honeywell down from behind when the Navy player had broken clean through. Morgan and Stewart were other Club threes deserving mention.

Kennedy and Godfrey were conspicuous in Club pack.

Honeywell was the only danger to Club side, and had he had more support he would have obtained a few tries. King and Hughes were prominent forwards.

A try by Bosanquet, which Macrae failed to convert from in front of the posts, was the only score in the first half. Stewart obtained two tries in the second periods, and Redman converted once.

Hockey

"Y" Hold Interport XI To A 2-2 Draw

A TEAM selected from the 17 players chosen to represent Hongkong in the forthcoming hockey interport match with Macao made a rather poor show at King's Park on Saturday when the European Y.M.C.A. held them to a 2-2 draw.

The latter, however, were without the services of W. A. Reed and H. L. Ozorio, and this made a great difference in the half-line. But even up forward, the Colony XI were somewhat disjointed, and it could hardly be attributed to the weakness of the halves.

The Gemmell-Spencelnyh combination on the "Y" right wing were a considerable source of worry to the Interport backs, especially Gonsalves, in whose half it was that they attacked.

R. Marques, right half, was the shining light of the Colony side. His foraging, blocking and distribution were all that could be required of a half-back.

Jordan and Waldron, wing halves for the "Y", were mainly instrumental in holding the Interporters. They broke up innumerable attacks and gave great support to the wing forwards.

The Scoring

Hitchcock gave "Y" the lead from a centre from Dunne, but Gurbachan Singh equalised soon afterwards. In the second half, Parker put the Colony XI in the lead, but Jordan then scored from a corner to even matters.

Teams were:

Interport XI.—V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and J. B. Gonsalves; R. Marques, M. H. Hassan, N. B. Whitley (first-half) and A. M. Alves (second-half); D. T. Smith, Gurbachan Singh, A. E. P. Guest, W. Parker and W. Brown.

Y.M.C.A. 1st XI.—Cleggett; D. Taylor and E. Youngeff; R. M. Jordan, Coombe and Waldron; Spencelnyh, Gemmell, Hitchcock, Olson and Dunne.

Lucky Cash Sweep Numbers At Fanling

RACE 1

No. 683	$590.63
" 1233	168.75
" 64	84.38

Unplaced ponies ($25 each): Nos. 1120, 1115, 82, 437, 1178.

RACE 2

No. 1,000	$1,074.38
" 615	306.96
" 1141	153.48

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 226, 744, 407.

RACE 3

No. 667	$1,148.67
" 149	328.19
" 646	164.10

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 1,012, 523.

RACE 4

No. 34602	$16,076.14
" 2916	4,593.18
" 16907	2,296.58

Unplaced ponies ($510.36 each): Nos. 9245, 23789, 16716, 4474, 10551.

RACE 5

No. 400	$1,196.23
" 349	341.78
" 14	170.89

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 1238, 649, 1,270.

RACE 6

No. 960	$1,080.43
" 811	211.26
" 771	155.04

Unplaced ponies ($50 each): Nos. 560, 168, 454, 212.

Lawn Bowls

K.C.C. Beat Vol. Sergeants By One Shot!

An enjoyable lawn bowls match was held at Cox's Road yesterday when Kowloon Cricket Club entertained the Volunteer Sergeants' Mess and won 92-91. A sum of $50 was collected in aid of the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund.

Scores, K.C.C. rinks first:

A. E. Perry, S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, R. B. Wellwood lost to C. S. M. Baskett, Q. M. S. Spary, Sgt Carr, Sgt Rakusen 10-23.

R. T. Broadbridge, E. Abraham, A. W. Smith, V. C. Labrum lost to Sgt Zimmern, Sgt Baptista, Sgt Steven, Sgt Sherriff 17-16.

A. E. P. Guest, A. H. Martin, F. A. Fabel, W. W. Parsons beat Sgt Geall, Pipe Major Mackie, Sgt Lockhart, C.Q.M.S. Fincher 24-7.

A. Zimmern, J. W. Bertram, F. Broadbridge, A. A. Madar beat Sgt Fowles, C. S. M. Rose, Sgt Remedios, Sgt Meyer 18-16.

D. A. Glover, R. T. Burch, R. S. Capell, G. E. Taylor lost to Sgt Skinner, B. S. M. Jack, B. S. M. Walker, C.Q.M.S. Silva (skip) 23-27.

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Cities Razed But Hearts Are High

What Mr Willkie Saw

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Mr Wendell Willkie started his tour of the bombed provincial cities of England to-day with visits to Coventry and Birmingham. He was first conducted through the ruins of Coventry Cathedral by the Bishop and was evidently impressed by the devastation he saw.

The rest of the tour, made by car, gave Mr Willkie an opportunity of seeing the effects of the indiscriminate bombing on the night of the big raid last November, including the destruction of historic buildings, business premises and dwelling houses.

At a press conference, Mr Willkie stated that the impression formed by his tour of Coventry led him to believe that the destruction described in American newspapers had not been exaggerated. He was greatly impressed by the high morale shown by the citizens and had seen no evidence of depressed spirits or of giving up.

He regarded the fact that the tower and spire of Coventry Cathedral had escaped destruction as being symbolic.

Tour of Birmingham

After his tour of Birmingham, Mr Willkie said that he had been impressed by the organisation of the so-called "shadow" factories.

Referring to the damage in Birmingham, Mr Willkie was surprised at its extent, "but the reconstruction I have seen put into operation is a perfect example of how a city can recover."

Mr Willkie added that without morale, courage and steadfastness, which he had seen everywhere, this reconstruction and recovery could not be done.

"I personally hope that America will give you such aid," he added, "that with steadfastness and courage you will shortly win through."

Soldiers, Police, & Civilians In Riots

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Wild scenes were witnessed in Johannesburg during the week-end when thousands of Police, civilians and soldiers were involved in serious riots.

Some 140 people, mostly soldiers, have been admitted to hospital up to the present.

Armoured cars toured the streets this morning but the city is now quiet. Hundreds of sightseers, however, congregated outside the offices of the "Vaderland"—General James Hertzog's newspaper—and the offices of "Transvaler," the Nationalist newspaper supporting the Republican policy. Both offices have been damaged.

The trouble originated on Friday night. Dr van Rensburg, former Free State administrator and now leader of the Ossewabrandwag, addressed a cultural meeting. The Ossewabrandwag is an organisation of an extreme Republican nature. Dr van Rensburg's meeting was not political and was generally orderly. Clashes, however, occurred in the streets when the meeting concluded. Soldiers and civilians were involved. Some of the latter were wearing beards which are favoured by members of the Ossewabrandwag.

Police Intervene

The Police intervened and the soldiers appeared to resent accepting orders from policemen not wearing orange shoulder "flashes." These flashes indicate that the wearers have volunteered for duty in any part of Africa; both the police and soldiers are entitled to wear them.

Trouble again broke out on Saturday night and continued on Sunday morning. The police then used tear gas and made several baton charges to disperse the crowds.

Automobiles were wrecked and a police van was set ablaze. Police reinforcements were sent from the outlying towns and the First National Volunteer Brigade was called out. Troops were summoned from military camps and assisted the military police to maintain order.

On Saturday Johannesburg was, as usual crowded with soldiers on leave and the trouble started when some of them saw a bearded man in a tramcar which they attacked.

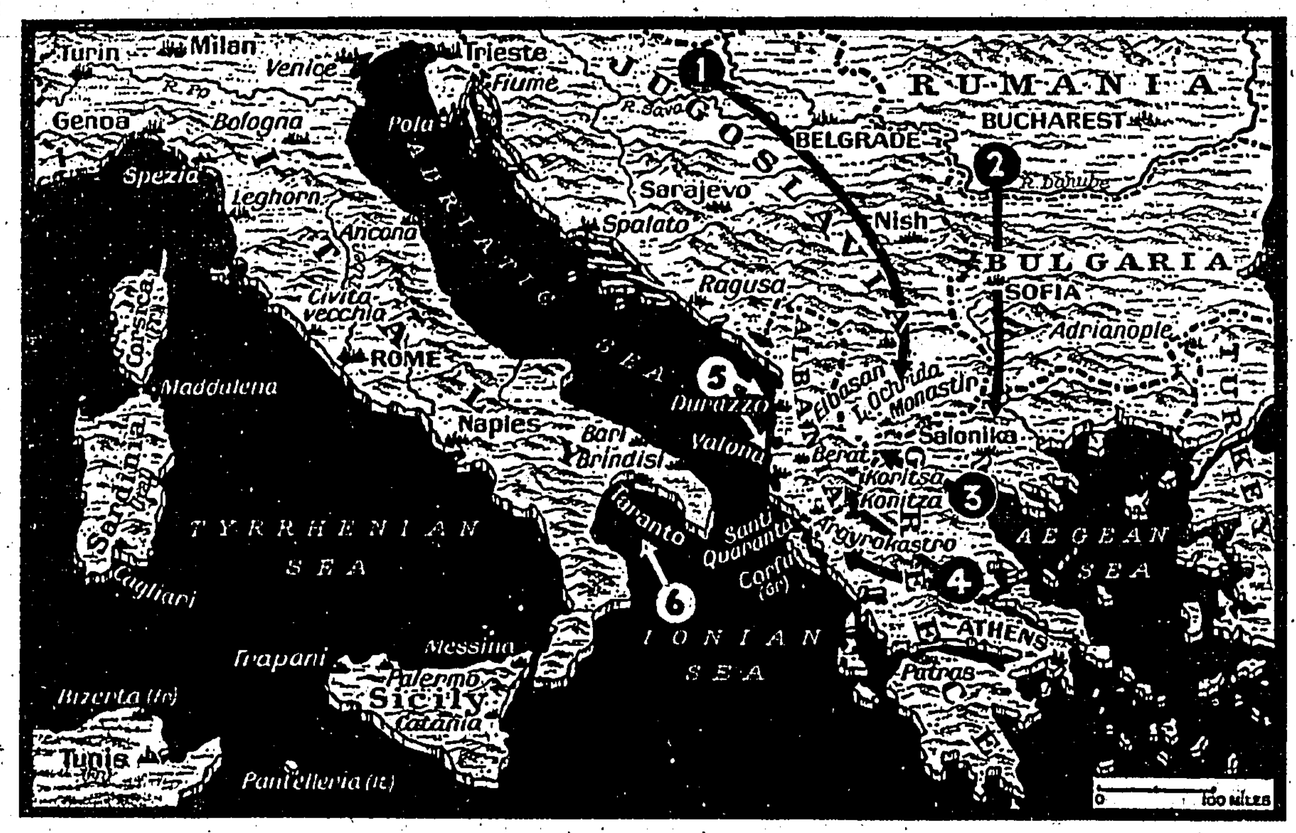
Newspapers Attacked

Many shop windows were broken.

The soldiers attempted to reach the offices of the Ossewabrandwag—popularly supposed to be an anti-British organisation—which is in the Transvaler building but failed.

They then ran round the back of the buildings, breaking the plate-glass windows of the "Vaderland," where the printing machinery was damaged.

The streets were in considerable turmoil and audiences from cinemas and theatres were added to the crowds when disturbances were at their worst.



Key Points To Albanian Situation

Here are the key points to the Present situation in Albania. (1) objective of possible Nazi drive through Yugo-Slavia (2) Hitler's back door to Greece, a move Turkey would resist (3) Greek drive towards El Bassan, the key sector for Durazzo (4) Greek capture of Berat would cut off Italians in the south (5) Durazzo and Valona, vital Italian evacuation bases (6) Taranto—bombed by R.A.F. Italian navy crippled.

No Radical Effects Of Action Against Reds

CHUNGKING, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Chinese circles are not at all perturbed over the Communist situation following the High Command's decision to disband the Communist Fourth Army last month.

After the brief fighting between Government and Communist troops on the south bank of the Yangtse, no major fighting is reported to be taking place in any other areas.

Meanwhile negotiations are progressing between the Government and Communist authorities for an amicable settlement of differences.

The Chungking Government is not involving any Party with the measures taken against the New Fourth Army and is maintaining the usual relations with the Chinese Communist Party and other political groups.

Suit Obtained By Trick

A.R.P. Warden In Court

Two men, both A.R.P. wardens, appeared as complainant and defendant in a case at Central Magistracy before Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning.

Defendant, Li Man, 22, pleaded guilty to a charge of having obtained a suit of clothes by false pretences from complainant on November 8, and was remanded for 48 hours to enable him to raise $1.40 to return to complainant.

Sgt J. Bentley said that last November Li approached complainant and said he could get him a job as an actor. He obtained a suit of clothes from complainant for measurements, and was not seen again until about two weeks ago. The suit pawned for $1.30, had since been recovered.

Nazis Over Libya

Long Range Bombers Used

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—The Axis High Commands report intervention by German bombers in the war in Libya, but British Headquarters in Cairo say that the concentration of British forces west of Derna is "proceeding smoothly" and that R.A.F. fighters, which maintained patrols over Libya yesterday, suffered no loss.

It is considered probable, writes "Reuter's" air correspondent, that German aircraft attempting to harass the British advance in Libya are long-range bombers operating direct from Sicily though it is possible for shorter range planes to take part after refuelling at Libyan aerodromes.

Slight Collision On Taipo Road

Mr Mackenzie of No. 8 Carnarvon Building, reports that about 2 p.m. yesterday while driving his car along Taipo Road near the Kowloon Reservoir a private car driven by a Chinese collided with the rear of the car.

Mr Mackenzie stated that the car in front of him suddenly slowed down and he was compelled to apply his brakes. The car at his rear failed to pull up in time and collided into him. Both cars were slightly damaged.

Londoners Sneer At Daylight Raiders And Proceed To Carry On

Despite the intensive operations of the Nazi Luftwaffe, the average person in Britain has six chances of dying from natural causes to one chance of dying by a bomb. In other words, the raids only increase the hazard of death over that in normal times by 16 per cent.

This is the estimation of Reuel S. Moore, "United Press" staff correspondent in London, who has been in every air raid since the Luftwaffe started their attacks on the capital.

In a private letter to a friend in Hongkong, Mr Moore said that despite the raid for every building down there are hundreds still up.

Talking about the reaction of the populace to air raids, Mr Moore says: "The folks here are not jittery. During the daytime when there is a raid on nobody gives a damn. They keep walking about and carrying on their business as usual. People sitting on park benches don't even budge. If planes come overhead and A.A. shells start bursting they duck into doorways to keep away from shell fragments. It's a good rule to flop when you hear a bomb swishing. You always get two or three seconds warning and can get down or get behind a pillar or something. One of my newspaper friends flopped and was unhurt when one bomb went off in a street about 25 yards away from him."

London Can Take It

In another part of the letter Mr Moore says: "Some people have lost their homes and are undergoing hardship, including the poor subway shelter folks, but the average person gets along as well as in peace times.

"There are about 12½ per cent. of Londoners living in public shelters, I understand. The rest sleep at home, taking their chances or sleeping in shelters in which they have fixed beds, heaters, etc.

"Personally I get more sleep than when the kids were about, get all I want to eat, am not bothered by any rations, and live just about a normal life outside of the slight inconvenience in getting around in a blackout. I think London can stand up to as much as she has taken for years, if necessary."

Chen Chi-tang In Role Of Agriculture Chief

CHUNGKING, Feb. 1 (Central News).—A bumper harvest for the present year was forecast by General Chen Chi-tang, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, in a statement to the Press on increasing food production.

General Chen said that careful planning had been made in connection with the selection of the seeds of agricultural products, the use of fertilisers, insect prevention and control, and conservancy projects. These measures are being carried out and are expected to yield good results.

Yunnan Watchful Of Japanese Military Plans In Indo-China

KUNMING, Feb. 2 (Central News).—Yunnan is taking an alert and watchful attitude toward the Japanese mediation in the Thai-French Indo-China dispute. Strict vigilance is maintained on the Yunnan-French Indo-China border against a possible Japanese invasion.

Interviewed by the "Ta Kung Pao," General Lung Yun, Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government, declared: "The ulterior motive of Japan's mediation is apparently to bring the entire Tonkin area under her control and to enlarge her sphere of influence in French Indo-China. She will make the French Indo-Chinese authorities accede to her wishes by force or other means."

General Lung added, "The Japanese may still harbour the ambition of invading Yunnan. But observers agree that before they have properly consolidated their position in French Indo-China and replenished their manpower, they dare not plunge into the adventure."

General Lung explained that in the event of an invasion of Yunnan the Japanese would have to use French Indo-China as a military base. Owing to the mountainous terrain of Yunnan, they would be compelled to leave the highways and railway and depend largely upon manpower for military transport, if they should try to penetrate deep into the province.

Pointing out that the rainy season in Yunnan was approaching, he doubted if the Japanese could complete preparations for an offensive before the arrival of the rains.

Concluding, General Lung declared that before the Japanese abandoned their design to "dispose of the China Incident" the Chinese would not relax their vigilance and if they should attempt an invasion of Yunnan, they would meet with the full strength of Yunnan's resistance.

Patriotism Of Tonga

Royal Family's Gift

LONDON, Feb. 2 (British Wireless).—Tonga, or, Friendly Islands has a population under 35,000 but its Fighter Plane Fund has already passed £6,000 and contributions to the Red Cross and Defence Force Comforts Funds amount to £1,000 and £400 respectively.

Local defence measures owe a great deal to the generosity of Queen Salote's family, nobles and people. The Royal Family has given the site of an aerodrome at Peppercorn and the five miles of road giving access to it was constructed free of charge by the Tonga Government.

Barracks to accommodate the defence force which was raised on a purely voluntary basis after the war broke out were built from materials provided free of cost by the nobles and people. Under the personal direction of Queen Salote the ladies of Tonga have made defence force uniforms and presented them to the force.

Europeans Stop Assault On Girl

Two Europeans who intervened in an incident in Wanchai yesterday probably saved a 14-year-old girl from being badly injured after being struck by Lo Hoi, 32, a firewood dealer.

The sequel was the appearance of Lo before Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with assaulting Chan Chung-kwai, 14. Lo pleaded guilty to the charge.

Sgt Bentley said that two passers-by, Messrs A. Grainger and C. Grocock, saw Lo chasing Chan. He overtook her near the China Fleet Club and struck the girl on the head. She fell on her face.

Defendant claimed that he had already paid ten cents compensation to Chan at the request of the Europeans.

A remand of 24 hours was made in order that Chan's sister could be located by the Police.

Widow Hid Cloth Under Her Shawl

A sentence of two months' hard labour with two years Police supervision was imposed on a married woman, Cheung So, 31, when she was charged before Mr K. M. A. Barnett at Kowloon Magistracy this morning with larceny of 40 yards of cloth from a shop at 415 Shanghai Street.

It was said that about 2 p.m. on February, defendant was seen by fokis of the shop taking the cloth down from a shelf and hiding it under her shawl. She was arrested and handed over to the Police.

Accused has a previous conviction for a similar offence.

Loiterer In Car Park Punished

Pleading guilty to a charge of loitering in the Pedder Street car park on Saturday, O Ha-tak, 35, an unemployed Singapore Chinese, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Sgt Summers, prosecuting, said defendant was seen to tip up the back and front of a car. "He did not steal anything, but might have if an A.A. man had not come along," said Sgt Summers.

S'HAI ELECTION IN APRIL

CHUNGKING, Feb. 2 (Central News).—A Shanghai message states that the Shanghai Municipal Council has fixed April 10 and 11 for this year's election of the Councillors.

With the approach of the date of election the Japanese are making preparations to renew their attempt to increase their representation on the Council.

Keen competition is expected but competent observers believe that the British and Americans will maintain their dominant position.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks $	1,410 n.
H.K. Banks £	81 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £	85 n.
Chartered £	8¾ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	23 n.
Mercantile, C. £	11¼ n.
East Asia $	76 b.
INSURANCES	
Cantons $	210 b.
Unions $	410 b.
China Underwriters $	1 n.
H.K. Fire $	165 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas $	135 n.
Steamboats $	11 n.
Indo-Chinas P. $	100 n.
Indo-Chinas D. $	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	43/9 n.
Waterboats $	7 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	98 sa.
Docks (old) $	18 n.
Docks (new) $	17¾ n.
Providents $	8¾ n.
S'hai Dockyards $	36 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	18 n.
Raubs $	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1¼ cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotel $	3.60 s.
Lands $	34½ n.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 s.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	14 n.
Humphreys $	7.95 n.
H.K. Realties $	3.85 n.
Chinese Estates $ x.d.	98 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams $	18.45 s.
Peaks Trams (old) $	7½ n.
Peak Trams (new) $	3½ n.
Star Ferries $	62 s.
Y. Ferries $	24½ n.
China Lights (old) $	6.35 s.
China Lights (new)	1.97½ n.
H.K. Electrics (old) $	40¼ b.
H.K. Electrics (new) $	39¾ b.
Macao Electrics (old) $	17¾ n.
Macao Electrics (new) $	16¾ n.
Sandakan Lights $	11¾ n.
Telephones (old) $	25¼ b.
Telephones (new) $	10.20 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $	25 n.
Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	18 n.
H.K Ropes $	8.60 b.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms $	10.20 sa.
Watsons $	11.10 sa.
Lane Crawfords $	7½ n.
Sinceres $	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	39 n.
Powell Ltd. $	1.90 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	50½ n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	205 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4% X. Int.	85½ b.
H.K. Govt. 3½% (1934)	92¼ n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% (1940)	92¼ n.
Ch Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds.	42/47 n.
H.K. Entertainments $	7 b.
Constructions (old) $	1.65 b.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	7.70 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	7/6 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/6 n.

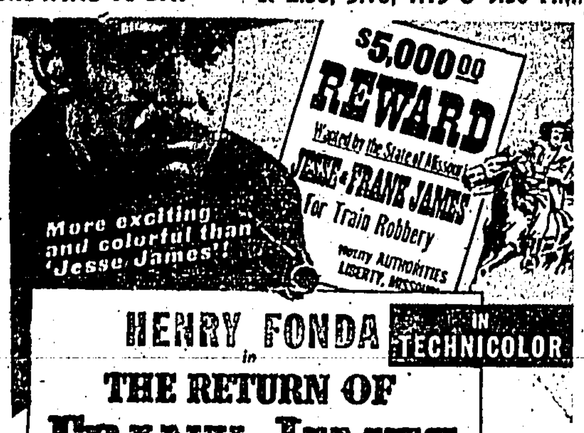
MANILA SHARES

Following are sales and bid prices:

	Feb. 1 Morning Closing	Feb. 3 Morning
Atoks	.21 B	.20½
Antamok	.65	.65 B
Baguio Gold	Unq.	Unq.
Balong Buhay	.0075 B	.0075 B
Benguet Cons.	4.30	4.35 B
Big Wedge	Unq.	Unq.
Coco Grove	Unq.	Unq.
Cons. Mines	.0017	.0017 B
Demonstration	.650	.650
East Mindanao	.07	.07
Hal Alai	Unq.	Unq.
I. X. L.	.22	.23
Ipo Gold	Unq.	Unq.
Itogon Mining	.14¾ B	.14¾ B
Mamulso Cons.	Unq.	Unq.
Masbate Cons.	.08½	.08
Mindanao Mother Lode	.11¾ B	.11¾ B
Mine Operations	Unq.	Unq.
North Camarines	.025	.025
Paracale Gumaus	Unq.	.27
San Mauricio	Unq.	Unq.
Surigao Cons.	.13 B	.13
Suyoc Cons.	.09 B	.09 B
Syndicate Investment	Unq.	Unq.
United Paracale	.13	Unq.

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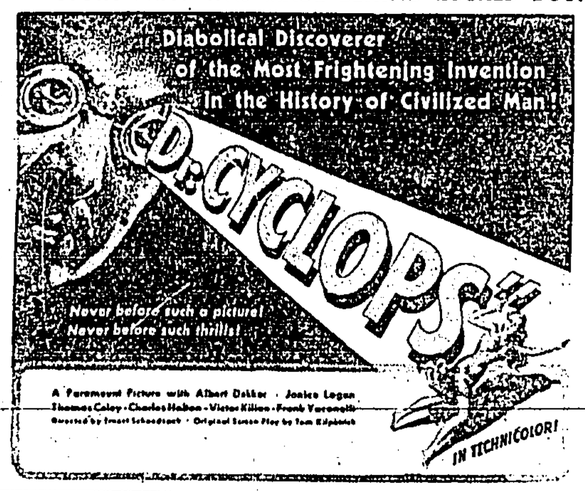
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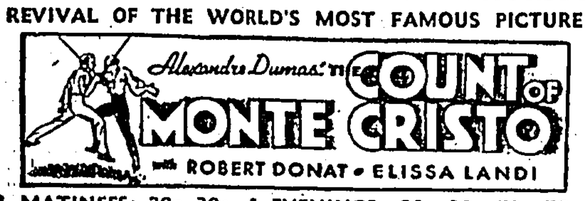
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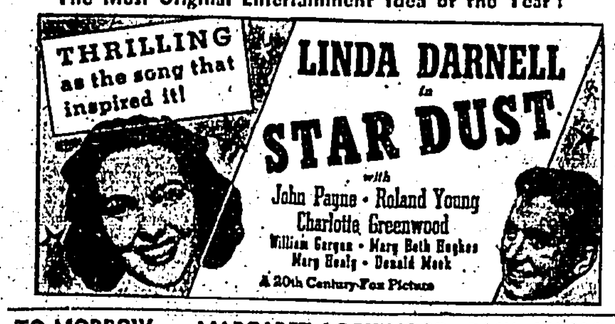
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R.A.F. RAIDS ON INVASION PORTS

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and reconnaissance flights were carried out on Saturday. Two British aircraft are missing.

Heavy British Attacks

The lull in the night air war continued over the week-end, presumably owing to the weather over the continent. The Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security jointly issued a communique to the effect that no German planes were over Britain on Saturday night.

From Folkestone it is reported that the R.A.F. made heavy attacks on an extensive area of the invasion ports along the Channel coast line for several hours. Sometimes the bombers were escorted by fighters, the machines crossing the hazy Channel, after which heavy explosions were audible from the French coast, but the locations could not be discerned through the haze.

Watchers along the Kent coast saw several dog fights between returning bombers and German Messerschmitts. One of the latter planes was close to the English coast but the British bomber's machine-guns drove off the attacker.

Channel Ports Raided

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—Docks at three Nazi invasion ports in occupied France—Boulogne, Ostend and Brest—were attacked by small forces of R.A.F. bombers last night and just before dawn to-dny.

The Brest attack was made first by planes of the Coastal Command which yesterday continued in unfavourable weather in patrols and reconnoissance flights over the occupied coastline.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command are continuously on the look-out for the first signs of any invasion movement.

Boulogne and Ostend were selected for to-day's pre-dawn raids.

Two Planes Missing

British fighters, accompanied once by bombers, made a number of daylight raids over Occupied France. Two planes are missing from the operations.

A few single German aircraft made the customary armed reconnaissance flights over the English coast to-day, following a night of no activity.

Nazi-Held Lines Swept

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—R. A. F. fighters are crossing the English Channel in several waves and, joined once by bombers, they have carried out offensive sweeps once again by daylight to-day over German-occupied territory.

These and other operations by single British bombers ended a 24-hour phase of R.A.F. action by day and night, which was limited by unfavourable weather but showed more vigour than the action by the Luftwaffe over Britain.

Altogether three Nazi invasion bases were attacked and of them Boulogne was twice raided.

The story of further sweeps is told by the Air Ministry in the following communique:

Three Enemy Planes Down

"During daylight to-day formations of our fighters carried out offensive sweeps over the Straits of Dover and enemy-occupied territory. Of the small number of enemy aircraft encountered, three fighters were destroyed.

"On one sweep, the fighters were accompanied by a small force of bombers which attacked docks at Boulogne. Other attacks were made by single aircraft of the Coastal Command on enemy aerodromes at Ostend and Berck. An enemy fighter which attacked one of these aircraft was shot down. One fighter is missing from these operations."

Boulogne docks had been attacked just before dawn by another small force of R.A.F. bombers which also raided Ostend while the docks at Brest were attacked during last night by another small force.

The German air force was not reported over any part of Britain last night and to-day confined itself to "slight activity by single aircraft" over the eastern part of England, the Air Ministry announces.

East Anglia Visited

A few bombs were dropped in East Anglia but did little damage and caused no casualties. During the afternoon some houses and shops were damaged and a small number of people were injured by bombing at two places on the coast of Kent.

The R.A.F. has shown by its action in the last 24 hours how the air offensive of 1941 over Western Europe can be shared with the Luftwaffe by day as well as night, writes "Reuter's" air correspondent.

The operations were limited on account of the weather but the very fact that they were pursued in the face of unfavourable conditions shows signs of healthy vigour. The one-sided daylight offensive of last summer has gone, possibly for all time.

Prelude To Second Battle Of Britain

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pursuit planes drove the invader towards the sea, apparently damaged.

Major-General J. F. C. Fuller, writing in the "Sunday Pictorial", urged the populace to hoard sufficient food to last for several weeks.

The "Sunday Express" warned the people that any collapse of the civilian front, which was one of the most important factors in the collapse of France, would similarly affect Britain.

Quiet Sunday Night

LONDON, Feb. 3 (UP).—All was quiet over Britain up to an early hour this morning. There were no reports of night attacks anywhere.

Donated To The Bomber Fund



The above collection, consisting of 18 gold and silver decorations, gold watch and chain, antique silver forks and spoons, gold buttons and tie pins, which belonged to the late Mr H. W. Charrington, has been donated to the War Fund by his son, Mr E. Chippendale Charrington, of Hongkong.

It is interesting to recall that the late Mr Charrington, who was born at Hornsey, Middlesex, England on March 25, 1836, was a distant relative of Flora Macdonald and of the fourth Baron Macdonald, Lord of the Isle of Skye.

Picture below shows the late Mr H. W. Charrington.



Aid To Britain

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declared that the fight would limit any attempt to "put anything into the Bill that might destroy it."

The Republic leader, Mr Joseph Martin, said: "A great many Republicans will be voting against the Bill unless it is amended to restrict the President's powers."

It is claimed that these views appeared to set the theme for the debate. The Bill will be read for amendments on Thursday and Mr Bloom expects a vote by Saturday.

Committee Hearings

In the meantime, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will resume hearings on a companion measure. This week, the oppositionists led by Colonel Lindbergh and possibly Governor Alf Landon will be heard.

On Monday, the committee will hear Mr Phillip LaFollette, former Governor of Michigan and a world war veteran, together with Mr Norman Thomas, Labour leader.

The Senate hearings will wind up next Monday with Mr Wendell Willkie as the star witness for the Administration.

The Chairman, Mr Walter George said that the committee would have an executive session after hearing Mr Willkie, and it is expected that the group would approve the Bill and send it to the floor of the Senate by the middle of next week.

Japan's Designs In Indo-China

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veiled in the course of the peace negotiations at Tokyo, and it is believed that the Japanese have indicated their intentions to the French and probably to Vichy.

Informed sources say that the Japanese induced Germany and Italy to bring pressure on Vichy to accept the Japanese offer of mediation when they learned that possible Anglo-American encouragement to Indo-China might stiffen the French attitude.

British Strategy In E. Africa

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as Keren points to an early attack at Asmara, a very important hill station from which the British can descend upon Massawa.

The retreat of the defenders of Barentu is now gravely imperilled and they will probably be able to escape only by the abandonment of their wheeled and mechanised transport.

Second Line

The British second line of advance from Galabat is directed at the important administrative centre of Gondar.

As far as can be gathered from the somewhat vague reports of the operations in Somaliland, the port of Mogadisu is the British objective there.

By these three advances, the centre of Italian resistance round Addis Ababa will be almost completely isolated and deprived of many sources of supply. With the natives of the whole country rising in revolt, the Italians will be almost forced to concentrate round Addis Ababa for the final stand.

Their situation in Abyssinia is indeed becoming desperate.

Troops From Kenya On March

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country, their course lying across deserts and areas where volcanoes now extinct had once poured out millions of tons of lava into a region rarely visited by white men.

Probably to the astonishment of the Italians, who thought this an impossible military feat, they are now not only knocking at the door of Abyssinia but have crossed its threshold and are nearer Addis Ababa than Nairobi.

LATE NEWS

Japan's Aims In Southern Asia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (UP).—While the State Department is discreetly silent regarding the Japanese role in the Indo-China-Thailand negotiations most of the well-informed circles here anticipate that that the United States will take a "moral stand" in opposition to Japan's assumption of new military concessions from Indo-China.

It is highly unlikely however, that the U.S.A. would initiate major steps in opposition, because national energies at the present are concentrated on aid to Britain and it is not believed that the Administration will do anything to disturb the present balance of public opinion. Nevertheless officials are closely following the Far Eastern developments with as much attention as they are European war.

No official corroboration it is admitted has been received concerning the six Japanese secret articles regarding the Far Eastern armistice, but many well-informed sources describe the reports as being probable and in accord with longstanding Japanese designs for pressure southwards with the object of achieving Japan's "New Order."

Experts say such a move, if fully exploited would give Japan very favourable military positions in respect both to the East Indies, Malaya and the Philippines, and they put the Japanese position as a block to any southern U.S.A. move towards Singapore.

Some experts believe that the chief purpose of the Japanese manœuvre is to outflank Singapore. Other informed sources declare that the U.S.A. Army and Navy Intelligence services are very likely seeking full information on the military implications of the Thai-Indo-China armistice terms through regular channels and diplomatic missions accredited both to Thailand and Vichy, although it is believed Vichy is being kept only secondarily in touch with the negotiations and is powerless to resist Japan's demands.

It is anticipated that south-eastern Asia will be a "Tension area" for some time because in addition to the Indo-China situations, the Netherland East Indies' refusal to accede to Japan's economic demands may very shortly have repercussions.

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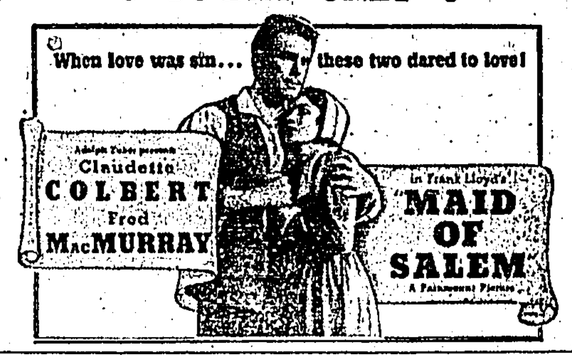


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